

## Borough of Cheltenham

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham**, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the **4th December, 1911**, at 3 p.m. Present

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Rogers and Councillor Stewart.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Hackney Carriage Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that the draft Byelaws with respect to Hackney Carriages had been approved by the Local Government Board.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th November last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd November last be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolutions to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 20th December, 1894, and Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 23rd December, 1909, with reference to the water supply to Baths be varied accordingly.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and "Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st November last, be approved and confirmed.

At this stage the chair was vacated by the Mayor, and it was Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, do take the chair in the absence of the Mayor.

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10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th November last be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th November last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th November last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th" November last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

The Mayor having returned, the Deputy Mayor vacated the chair, which was resumed by the Mayor.

15—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That the words " or if for any other reason the work is not proceeded with," be inserted after the word " loan " in Clause 5, of the Conditions of Competitions, and also to the second paragraph of Clause 15 being altered to read as follows: " All plans and designs sent in by unsuccessful Competitors will be returned, carriage paid, after exhibition, but at the sole risk of the competitors, and the Corporation shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any plans or designs during exhibition or in transit."

16—Appointment of Education Committee—The motion of which notice had been given upon this subject by Councillor Green was not moved by him.

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17—Wages of Corporation Workmen-The motion of which notice had been given upon this subject by Councillor Hanson Powell was withdrawn by him.

18—Payment of Overtime to Clerical Staff—The motion proposed by Councillor Hanson Powell and seconded by Councillor Mann, viz :—" That no further payments be made for overtime to the Clerical Staff in any departments" was not carried.

19—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That a Memorial from Mr. E. Arnold and others with reference to the erection of Stables adjoining " Laureldene," Hewlett Road, be referred to the Public Health Committee.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

#### **MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st January, 1912.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th December, 1911**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 6 and 9 Montpellier Retreat, 19 Upper Norwood Street, 6 St. George's Parade, 3 Rosehill Terrace, Hale's Road, 37 Winstonian Road, 39 Francis Street, 17 Mitre Street, and 25 Exmouth Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 6 Lower Park Street, 19 Upper Norwood Street, 2, 3, 1 and 7 and Garden Cottage, Montpellier Retreat. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 19 Great Norwood Street, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17 Casino Place, and 13 Dagmar Terrace.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property- 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 Montpellier Retreat and Garden, Cottage, Montpellier Retreat, 17 Mitre Street and 6, Lower Park Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under

Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—House unfit for Human Habitation-11 Tivoli Street—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of 11 Tivoli Street, of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling-house is in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an order be made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice of such order be given to the owner.

6—Seizure of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 24th November last he had seized two quarters of beef and the head and offal of a cow which were in an unsound and unwholesome condition at a shop in Fairview Road in the occupation of Mr. F. Grundy, where they were exposed for sale. The meat had been destroyed under an order from a Magistrate. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under Section 117 of the Public Health Act, 1875, against Mr. Grundy.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 1st December the carcase and offal of two pork pigs (weight 210 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis had been surrendered and destroyed.

8—Erection of Stables at Laureldene, Hewlett Road—Read, a memorial from Mr. E. Arnold and others objecting to the erection of some stables at Laureldene, Hewlett Road, plans for which had been approved by the Council. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council have no power to prevent the erection of the stables.

9—Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health presented a report on the management of the Delancey Hospital.

10—Typewriter for Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the typewriter which had been in use in his department for about 9 years was again out of order. The Smith Premier Typewriter Co. had offered to supply a new machine and allow for the old machine which would reduce the price of the new machine to £15 8s. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last meeting, 11 head of cattle had been purchased for £129 5s., and 12 sheep for £13 16s. (Total purchases £143 1s.,) 13 head of cattle had been sold for £204 16s. 3d., 7 sheep for 13s. 11d. and 1 sheepskin for 2s 6d (total sales 218 12s, Sd.) The number of stock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 16 horses (not counting 6 at Depot), 95 head of cattle, 131 sheep and 8 pigs, all doing very well, 16 ½ tons of mangolds had been sold.

He recommended that the spring trap be repaired and that some slabs be purchased for repairing the floors, etc., of the cottages occupied by Messrs. Harper and Haggard. Resolved, That the manager be authorised accordingly.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms' Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Arle Outfall Sewer—Sindrey's Claim—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. B. Pottinger had not been able to agree with the other arbitrator on the amount of the damage. The lowest sum Mr. E. Righton, the arbitrator appointed by Mr. Sindrey, would accept was £22 10s., and if that amount was not agreed to by the Corporation the dispute would have to be referred to the umpire. The amount of the original claim by Mr. Sindrey was £61 16s. 6d. Resolved, That Mr. Pottinger be informed that the Corporation will accept an award of £22 10s.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th December, 1911.** Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

13—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-2 and 3 St. James' Place, 1 to 14 King Street Gardens, 8 Fairfield Parade and 6, 7, 8 and 9 Elmdale Cottages. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

14—Cleansing and Limewashing at 31 and 32 St. Philip's Street, 40 Worcester Street, Laburnam House, Upper Bath Road, and 1 & 3 Lacey's Cottages.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 St. James' Place, 3, 4 and 5 Sandford Terrace and 1 Alstone Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

16—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3 and 4 Selby Cottages, 1 and 3 Elm Cottages, and Tullock's Cottage, Swindon Road, 1 to 14 King Street Gardens, and 40 Worcester Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring

them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

17--Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 12th instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig (42 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis was surrendered and destroyed.

18—Offensive Trade—Read, a letter from the Butchers' Hide, Skin and Wool Co. of Birmingham, stating that they desired to open a branch establishment in Cheltenham at premises in the rear of Regent House, Swindon Road. These would only be used for receiving hides, wool, skins and fat which would be cleared away every night, and they applied for the consent of the Council under Section 112 of the Public Health Act, 1875. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises were unsuitable for the purpose and would be likely to be a nuisance to the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to give the consent asked for

19—Salary of Chief Inspector of Nuisances—Read, an application from Mr. A. E. Hudson for an increase of his salary, half of which was paid out of the Exchequer grant. Resolved, That his salary of £200 be increased to £210 rising to a maximum of £250 by annual increments of £10.

20—Staff in Health Department—The Committee considered the re-arrangement of the staff in the Health Department in consequence of the death of Mr. E. J. Slanders. The staff prior to Mr. Slanders' death was as follows :

First Assistant Inspector (Mr. Slanders) ..	£120
Second " " (Mr. Clifford) ..	£65
Clerk (Mr. Jefford) .. ..	£50

Resolved, (1) That the salary of Mr. C. W. Clifford be increased to £75 rising by increments of £5 per annum, to a maximum of £100. (2), That a new Certificated Inspector be appointed at a commencing salary of £65 rising by increments of £5 per annum to £100 and that the salary of Mr. Jefford (Clerk in the Department) be increased to £65 per annum on his obtaining the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, qualifying him as a Sanitary Inspector.

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1—Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro-Spinal Fever—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing memoranda on Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) and Cerebro-spinal fever (spotted fever) and stating that in the Board's opinion it was desirable that both diseases should be made notifiable in order that the Council and their Medical Officer may be informed as soon as possible of the occurrence of cases, to enable them to initiate prompt inquiry into their origin and incidence and take any precautions necessary to prevent their spread.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board be complied with and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices with a view to an order being made applying the provisions of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889 to these Diseases.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1911.** Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, applications from Mr. E. L. Ward, to place a projecting lamp outside No. 140 High Street, and from Mr. E. C. Goodman, to place 3 lamps outside No. 272 High Street.

Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

2—**Report of Trees Sub-Committee**—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. (Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Stewart). After inspecting the trees as to which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows :

Promenade—That the decayed beech near Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co's premises be removed and also the dead chestnut near the Fountain.

Imperial Square—That the elm and poplar trees in front of the Town Hall be removed. St. George's Road—That the elm tree, partly dead, be removed.

Queen's Road—That the maple tree, partly dead, be removed.

Christ Church Road—That the 3 trees near Stanley Villa be lopped.

Montpellier Street—That 3 trees be removed and replaced with Acacias.

Montpellier Terrace—That the two trees at the side of Beechwood House be removed.

Montpellier Drive—That the tree near Langstone be not removed.

Sydenham Villas Road—That the tree near Heronden be not removed.

Cranham Road—That eight trees be removed and 1 tree planted at the corner of King's Road.

Kings Road—That one tree be removed.

Hewlett Road—That the tree near Mercara and Edenham, be not removed.

Resolved, That the two trees in front of the Town Hall be not removed, that the question of the removal of the two trees at the side of Beechwood House, Montpellier Terrace, be referred to the Sub-Committee for further consideration, and that the other recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Arle Road—Read, a letter from Miss Welch, of Arle House, asking that some trees should be planted in Arle Road. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

4—Footpath Troughs—The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of properties, the owners of which had failed to make proper provision to prevent the roof water flowing over the footpath. Resolved, That an Order under Section 74 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act, 1874, as amended by Section 160 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be made requiring the Owners of the properties within 7 days

after the service of the Order to make provision in accordance with the requirements of the said Section to prevent the roof water falling upon persons passing along the street, or flowing over the footpath, and that failing compliance with such order the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

5--Accident in Grove Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Steel & Millard making a Claim on behalf of Mr. T. Deacon, of No. 10 Grove Street in respect of an injury to his daughter through a fall in Grove Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Steel & Millard that the Council cannot accept any responsibility for the accident.

6—Sand Distributor—The Borough Surveyor reported that the present distributor had been found very useful, but as it was necessary to do the gritting more expeditiously he recommended that another distributor be purchased at a cost of £34. Resolved, That an additional distributor be purchased.

7—Gritting of Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, on behalf of the Local Branch of the Gloucestershire Farmers Union asking that the roads should be gritted earlier in the morning than at present. The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter sent by him in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8—Corporation Workmen—The Chairman reported that he, the Town Clerk, and Borough Surveyor had had an interview with Mr. J. W. Betteridge, the Secretary of the Cheltenham Building Trades Joint Committee with regard to 3 men employed by the Corporation as painters, at less than the standard rate of wages. It had been pointed out that the three men received regular weekly wages and that the Building Trade Rules were not being infringed. With regard to one man, Mr. Betteridge agreed that there could be no objection, but he thought it would prevent dissatisfaction if the other two men were paid by the hour at the standard rate and stopped for any loss of time and the Chairman recommended that this be agreed to. Resolved, That this recommendation be adopted and the Borough Surveyor instructed accordingly.

9—Billposting Station in Bath Road—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Billposting Company, stating that the Company proposed to board the wall now used as a Billposting Station, situate in Bath Road between the Office of Mr. Rainger and the Pavilion Club with inch boards and enquiring if the Corporation raised any objection to this. Resolved, That the Committee make no objection, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th December, 1911**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th November to the 14th December, 1911 (both inclusive) had been as follows :

Roads repaired—Bayshill Road (5,907 square yards), Queen's Circus (1,000 square yards), St. Anne's Terrace (1,023 square yards). Roads patched—Carlton Place, Carlton Street, Duke Street, Dunalley



Parade, Evesham Road, Gloucester Road, Larput Place, Leckhampton Road, Marle Hill Parade, Portland Street, Prestbury Road, St. George's Road, St. Luke's Place, and Sydenham Road

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Electricity Trenches repaired—Christ Church Road, High Street, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Place, Pittville Street, and Priory Street. Gas Trenches repaired—Gloucester Road and Sydenham Road. Sewer Trenches repaired—Elmstone Street. Footpaths gravelled—Lansdown Place (210 square yards), Suffolk Square (lane rear of)(480 square yards).

Paving repaired—Bath Road, Corpus Street, Evesham Road, High Street, Montpellier Walk, North Place, Princes Street, Regent Street, and Rose and Crown Passage. Channelling repaired—Albert Place (rear of), Corpus Street, North Place, Princes Street, and Regent Street. Gateway Crossings repaired-4. New Gateway Crossing-1. Street Crossing renewed-1. Private Improvement Works—Exmouth Court (completed). Street Improvements.—Old Bath Road (completed).

Trees lopped—Evesham Road (rear of) Pittville Crescent, Promenade, Suffolk Road and Sydenham Road Trees felled-1 in King's Road (by Committee's order).

Trees planted—Albert Road (2 silver birch), Cemetery Road (1 plane), Christ Church Road (1 plane), Gloucester Road (1 lime), Imperial Square (4 silver birch), Imperial Square (2 chestnuts), King's Road (1 silver birch), Montpellier Drive (2 planes), Old Bath Road (1 lime), The Park (1 silver birch), Pittville Circus Road (1 chestnut), Queen's Road (1 lime), Tewkesbury Road (2 planes), Wellington Road (2 silver birch), Eldorado Road (2 planes).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 14th December, 1911-906 loads collected, 855 consumed, and 51 tipped away. Weight consumed-1045 tons, 15i cwts, Steam generated—Hourly average 7,518 lbs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 14th December, 1911-872  $\frac{2}{3}$  square yards of slabs made.

**11—Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

**12—Street Projections**—Read, applications from the Cheltenham Gas Company on behalf of Messrs. Collins & Co. and Mr. Bliss, respectively, for permission to place two projecting lamps outside No. 278 High Street and 1 lamp outside No. 8 Grosvenor Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, an application from Messrs. W. Hall & Sons Ltd., for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 92 High Street, during the Christmas Season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the lamps being put up to the satisfaction of the Street Inspector.

The Street Inspector reported that Messrs. R. Edwards & Sons had placed a projecting swinging sign outside No. 11 Hanover Street, in contravention of the Bye Laws. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal of the sign.

13—Rowanfield Road—Read, a letter from the Rev. C. Neill calling attention to the condition of Rowanfield Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of works to be done by the abutting owners to put the road in repair.

14—Private Improvement Works—St. Paul's Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted a new plan and estimate of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved in lieu of the specification plan and estimate referred to in Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 10th October last, and that such Minute be varied accordingly.

15—Slab Factory—The Committee considered the remarks contained in the Auditors Report, with reference to the Slab Factory Accounts and the Borough Surveyor submitted the following report thereon to the Committee.

Gentlemen,

" With reference to the clause in the Auditor's Report dealing with the Slab Factory accounts, I beg to report as follows :—

The Report states that the result of the year's working was "a profit of £107 as compared with a loss of £210 during the previous year."

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In referring to the £210 as a loss on the year's working, the Auditor appears to have overlooked the fact that during the year in question slabs to the value of £393 were supplied without charge for the Promenade footpath, and this, of course, accounts for the credit balance being reduced. The £210 referred to by the Auditor is simply the difference between the surplus in March, 1909, and the surplus in 1910. As shewn by the audited accounts, the profit on the year's working was £183. The following figures make the matter clear :—

Surplus on 31st March, 1909	...	..	£505
Profit year ended 31st March, 1910...		..	<u>£183</u>
			£688
Deduct value of Slabs for Promenade not charged for		..	<u>£393</u>
Surplus on 31st March, 1910		..	£295

The following information with respect to the Slab Factory may be of interest :—

There has been no loss on the working of the Slab Factory during the past seven years and the previous deficit has been paid off.

The amount advanced from the rates when the Slab Factory first came into operation has been refunded.

After meeting all expenses of the Slab Factory including capital charges since its commencement, there was a credit balance at the end of March of £403. This is after taking the value of the slabs in stock at under cost price.

Slabs to the value of £1,041 have been supplied for street improvements for which no charge has been made.

The loan for the building and equipment of the Slab Factory was £3,000. Of this capital sum £1,776 has been paid off.

During the past seven years the outside sales have amounted to £5,746 (viz :—£3,936 for Private Improvement Works and £1,710 to private individuals) and the sales to Corporation Departments amount to £5,645.

No extra capital has been raised. Many additions and improvements have been effected out of revenue and the plant and buildings have been kept in a thoroughly good state of repair."

I am Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. S. PICKERING.

Resolved, That the report be approved and forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

16—Chapel Lane and Lane between Chapel Lane and Grafton Street—The Committee further considered the memorial from Mr. R. R. Skemp and other owners of property abutting upon the Roads, asking the Corporation to take over the future repair of the same, Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

17—Tree near Kennerleigh, Keynsham Road—Read letters from Mrs. Feaver and Mrs. Knowles, asking for the removal of the tree opposite Kennerleigh, Keynsham Road, Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

18—Bayshill Road—Complaint having been received of the state of the kerb and channel in Bayshill Road. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the same at their next View Meeting.

19—Land in Ambrose Street—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the Committee's proceedings on the 28th August last, Mr. T. D. Boulton, the owner of the strip of land adjoining Ambrose Street, attended the Meeting and asked that the covenant contained in the conveyance dated the 5th September, 1892, to his predecessor in title to build to the line of frontage in Ambrose Street should not be enforced as there was no advantage in having this done at the present time. To prevent the covenant from lapsing he was willing to enter into a fresh deed of covenant to build if required, at any time within the next 10 years. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1911.** Present :  
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :-

No. of Plan.	Name	Description
1047	C. W. McVitie	New lock-up Shop, Ambrose Street (amended plans).
1050	H. Higgins	Rebuilding No. 313 High Street (amended elevation).

Resolved, That the plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th December, 1911—Present :**  
Councillors Baker, Bendall,

Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1051	J. W. Kirkland	Shed at rear of No. 2 Keynsham Street.
1052	R. W. Kerr	Extension of Conservatory at Montpellier House.
1053	Winterbotham, Gurney & Co.	Extension to Motor House at Fernbank, Pittville Circus Rd.
1054	Committee of St. Paul's	Mission Hall Additions to Havana Cottage, Milsom Street.
1055	Trustees of Y.M.C.A.	New Shop Front to No. 31, Cambray.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1052 and 1055 be approved, that Plans No. 1051 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual agreement to remove the same on 3 months' notice being entered into and that plans No. 1053 and 1054 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1911—Present :** The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Band in Promenade—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a charge of £3, on the Christmas Bank Holiday

2—Pillar in Promenade Long Garden—Read, a letter from the Borough Electrical. Engineer, asking for permission to place a small feeder pillar, required in connection with the Promenade Lighting, inside the railings of the Long Garden in the Promenade. Resolved, That permission be granted.

3—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that Lieut.-Col. Hay, of Calderwood, had given a mulberry tree to be planted in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

4—Sewer in Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Cheltenham Rural District Council to the need for steps being taken to prevent the overflow of sewage from their sewer discharging into the Pittville Lake.

5—Musical Afternoons—Mr. Newton attended the Meeting and suggested that in view of the number of bookings of the Town Hall during the Ball Season, the Afternoon Concerts should be discontinued for the fortnight commencing the 25th instant and the season extended for two weeks. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted.

Insurance of Orchestra—Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague, stating that the premium on the Insurance of the Orchestra effected by him under the Workmen Compensation Act, had been raised from £3 to £4 19s. 0d., and asking the Committee to increase their share of the premium from 30s to £2 9s. 6d. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Advertising—Read, a letter from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., the Advertising agents for the G.W.R. Co., stating that the contract for the exhibition of 2000 Views of Cheltenham in the G.W.R. Carriages had expired on the 30th April last. The Company were willing to accept £40 per annum for the renewal of the exhibition of 2000 views for a term of 5 years from the expiration of the previous contract, or as an alternative they were prepared to accept an annual payment of £60 for the following advertisements, viz :-

- (1) Continuation of Exhibition of 2000 Views of Cheltenham in the G.W.R. passenger carriages.
- (2) Provision and Exhibition of 20 single crown frames relating to Cheltenham in Booking Halls or Waiting Rooms at Stations on G.W.R. system to be selected by Corporation.
- (3) Full page Advertisement facing matter in the G.W.R. publication, " Holiday Haunts."
- (4) Full-page in G.W.R. Booklet, " Winter Holidays."
- (5) Half column space in G.W.R. Official Time Table.

(6) One space in View Board at Paddington Station.

Resolved, That the sum of £60 per annum be paid to the G.W.R. Co. for a period of 5 years for the exhibition of 2000 views and for the other advertisements set out above.

Resolved, also, That the further suggestions set out in Messrs. Wills letter be adjourned for further consideration.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th December, 1911.**—Present: Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas for purity on the 11th inst., which showed 10 grams of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for illuminating power showed 15.8 candles

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2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Cabmen's Shelter—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a supply of energy for 2 lamps to light the Cabmen's Shelter proposed to be erected near the Promenade might be given from the half-night arc circuit, but the supply from this source would only be available from dark to 10.30 or 11 p.m. and he recommended that the supply be given at a charge of 23s per annum, excluding maintenance, or 40s including inspection and maintenance of the lamps. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Prepayment Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. T. W. Smith had given instructions for fourteen houses which he was building to be wired and he wished a supply to be given through prepayment meters. Resolved, That the Engineer be authorised to purchase the meters required.

5—Staff at Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that his pupil, Mr. L. Lewis, would complete his apprenticeship at the end of the present month and he recommended that he should be kept on, for the present, at a salary of 1 per week. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to the engagement being reconsidered at the end of March next.

6—Pressure of Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in order to improve the pressure of supply in Winchcombe Street and Albion Street, a new switch pillar and transformer were required which might be fixed inside the railings of Highbury Church (if permission could be obtained). The estimated cost of the switch pillar and cable connections (excluding Transformer) would be £83. Resolved, That the Engineer be authorised to have the work carried out subject to the permission of the authorities of Highbury Church being obtained for placing the switch pillar inside the railings of the Church.

7—Loan for Motor Generator, etc.—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing sanction to a loan of £1,250 for the purchase of the Motor Generator, &c., the period for repayment being 17 years.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st December, 1911.**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Dec., 1911.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	182,000 gallons	315,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	872,000 “	1,670,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>48,000</u> “	<u>61,000</u> “
Total	1,602,000 “	2,046,000 “

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

19 <sup>TH</sup> Dec., 1911		19 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 1910		
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		9,915,000 gallons		29,689,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 0in.	37,205,000 “	32 ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	5ft. 0in.	<u>675,000</u> “	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u> “
		47,795,000 “		131,197,000 “

A length of 54 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in Old Bath Road, near Leckhampton Road, and a length of 100 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in Alstone Lane for the supply of new houses.

2—Water Supply to Aston, Pamington and Fiddington—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council enquiring whether in the opinion of the Corporation a proper and sufficient water supply could be given to the Hamlets of Aston. Pamington and Fiddington by some other means than extending the existing mains, e.g., by digging wells, and if so, whether the Corporation would be willing to undertake the work and upon what terms. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be informed that the Committee are willing to recommend the Council to give a supply of water to these hamlet: upon the terms set out in the draft agreement, and that they do not consider a supply obtained from wells would be satisfactory.

3—Filter Beds and Purification Plant—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that a Local Inquiry would be held into the application to borrow £1750 for the additional filter.

4—Charlton Kings Valuation List—Resolved, That the Rate Collector be authorised to obtain a copy of the new Valuation List of the Parish of Charlton Kings.

5—National Insurance Bill—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee at its Meeting on the 26th October last, the Borough Engineer reported that two out of the three amendments suggested by the Institution of Water Engineers to Clause 46 of the Insurance Bill had been practically accepted by the Government and embodied in the Bill, and it was now provided that the Water Authority should not be responsible for excess of illness caused by an insufficient or contaminated water supply if it could be proved that this was not due to any default on the part of the Water Authority but arose from circumstances over which they had no control, but no provision had been made for an appeal against the decision of the person holding the Inquiry.

6—Appeals—The appeals entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th December, 1911**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Strand (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 27th ultimo on premises at Williams' Allotments, Gardner's Lane. 2 pigs had died and the remaining 16 pigs were slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The pigs were bred in the neighbourhood and the outbreak could not be accounted for. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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2-Parasitic Mange Order, 1911—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding for publication copies of Parasitic Mange Order, 1911. The order provided (inter alia) for the notification of the disease by Veterinary Surgeons, and prescribed the mode of cleansing and disinfection of the place in which a horse, ass or mule affected with or suspected of, parasitic mange had been kept. The Order would come into force on the 1st January, 1919, and the Town Clerk reported that he had published the Order as directed.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 75—Read, applications from Mr. A. J. Paul, of Crescent House, St. George's Place, Mr. H. C. Dunk, of Vine Villa, Gloucester Road, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 75, from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Cabmen's Shelters—Read, letter from Lady Baden Powell and Mr. R. Owst, asking the Council to replace the Cabmen's Shelters which were removed some years ago. Resolved, That they be informed that the Shelters were removed owing to their being neglected and allowed to become in such a state as to be a nuisance, and they were not now in a condition to be replaced.

5—Hackney Carriage Stands—Resolved, That the Street Inspector be instructed to submit at the next Meeting of the Committee, a list of the Hackney Carriage Stands in the Borough together with his suggestions for alteration of the same.

6—Report of the Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 7th, inst., the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire in the stokehole at St Peter's Church. Damage about £3 4s. Cause, Defective Boiler Flue. Building and contents insured. On the 9th instant, the Brigade was called to a fire at No. 13, Colonnade. Damage about £6. Expenses £3 4s. Building and contents insured. Cause, Defective Grate Setting.

7—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. Charles Bullock, No. 49, Winchcomb Street, for a Licence to store 500 gallons of Petroleum. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be issued accordingly.



8—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that the alterations to the boilers at the Town Hall had been carried out and the boilers were working satisfactorily.

9—Annual Meeting of Institution of Water Engineers. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Institution of Water Engineers had decided to hold their Annual Meeting in Cheltenham, on the 13th, 14th and 15th June next, and asked if the Committee would grant the free use of the Large Room at the Town Hall for the Meeting. Resolved. That the application be acceded to.

10—Allotments Regulations—The Town Clerk reported that he had submitted the draft Regulations, approved by the Committee at its last Meeting, for the informal approval of the Board of Agriculture and laid before the Committee the draft as altered by the Board. Resolved, That the Regulations as now settled be approved, that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and that application be made to the Board of Agriculture for their formal confirmation of the same.

11—Education Committee—Read, a letter from Mr. Councillor Green asking the Committee to consider the desirability of revoking or modifying the delegation of powers to the Education Committee made by the resolution of the Council on the 25th March, 1903, with a view to the Council retaining some power to review the proceedings of the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the letter to the Education Committee for their observations thereon.

12--Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to a deed of surrender of the Lease granted to Dr. Ward Humpreys.

13—Police Station, Bath Road—Read, an application from the Superintendent of the Police for a lamp to be placed outside the new Police Station, in Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Lighting Committee.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th December, 1911.** Present—Aldermen Haddon and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Steel, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 750 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since 12th November, and 594 Catalogues had been sold.

The Exhibition of Modern Paintings would close on the 30th instant, and notices for the return of the pictures had been sent to the Artists.

The Victoria and Albert Museum Authorities would be exchanging the objects in the four cases on loan from them in January and wished to know the requirements of the Committee with regard to fresh objects.

Mr. C. W. Townshend, of The Coppice, Charlton Kings, had offered to lend a number of paintings by Old Masters, from his house at Rossett, for exhibition at the Art Gallery for a period of 6 months commencing January next, and subject to the approval of the Committee he had made a selection of about 50 pictures.

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. C. W. Townshend be accepted with thanks and that the Curator be authorised to visit the Victoria and Albert Museum to make a selection of objects for the four cases.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 1st December, 1911**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair),

1—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—The Committee inspected the shop and premises adjoining the Montpellier Baths.

2—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the Local Practitioners, Chemists and Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce be invited to attend a Conference with this Committee with a view to considering what steps should be taken to develop the use and sale of the Mineral Waters.

3—Montpellier Baths—Exits—The Borough surveyor suggested that as the Swimming Bath was now frequently used for Public Meetings, etc., some improvement should be made in the Exits. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th December, 1911**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

4—Montpellier Baths-1110 Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 10th November, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	493 6 11	Expenses	433 4 10
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>352 13 4</u>
	£493 6 11		£785 18 2

The Committee further considered the question of the Exits from the Swimming Bath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the partition wall in the outer lobby and to provide double doors fitted with panic bolts, etc.

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths from 1st April to 30th November, were as follows :—

Receipts £	414 5 11	Expenses ... ..	£256
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>£222</u>
	£414 5 11		£478

Washing Baths—As instructed by the Committee at their last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate of the proposed additional Washing Baths. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned until March next.

6—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold during November was 1114 as compared with 681 for the month of November last year. The number of bottles of Concentrated Waters sold during November was 164 as compared with 252 for the corresponding period of last year.

7—Grove Street Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell Co., Ltd., complaining of the damage done to their premises adjoining the Grove Street Recreation Ground by the boys using this ground. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Police to the matter.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held, on Friday, the 22nd December, 1911**—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to obtain from the Farms six loads of manure for use at the Cemetery.

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Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Clara Ashton, Eliza Standish, Caroline Eliza Price. Memorials to graves of Hannah Sexty and William Johnson Thorn, Elizabeth Thorn and • William Thorn.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1911**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Earengy, Green, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Dr. Davies, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, W. Cresswell, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £8 0s. 3d.

Presentations—Miss M. Innes (1 vol.), R. Minett (1 vol.), Committee of Cheltenham Branch of Teachers' Guild (109 vols.), A. A. Hunter (photographs of portraits of the Bishops of Gloucester, mounted and framed).

The number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1455, an increase of 21, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 10,048, an increase of 114 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present—Councillors Green (in the chair), and Merrett, and Messrs. Caudle and Claridge.

They recommended :

- (1) That the London Directory for 1912 be purchased at a cost of £1 5s.
- (2) That the offer of Messrs. Marshall & Co., of Manchester, to present 50 copies of Music, subject to their being allowed to insert advertisements in the same, be not accepted.

Resolved, That the London Directory be purchased, but that the offer of Messrs. Marshall & Co., be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime Librarian be instructed to obtain a specimen volume of music for inspection by the Committee.

3—" Looker-On."—Read, a letter from the Editor of the " Looker-On," offering to supply 100 copies of the " Looker-On " each week, free of charge, to be placed in the Reading Room. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

E. C. GREEN

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd December, 1911.** Present :—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £8138 10s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £16,358 2s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the Water Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next, was read. Amount collected £5104 6s. 10c1. Leaving outstanding £7657 0s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received offers of £1000 and £1950 on loan at 3 ½ per cent., for a term of 5 years. Resolved, That the offers be accepted and debentures on account of Electric Lighting and Sewage Disposal Loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Monmouthshire County Council were willing to lend £2700 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3 ¾ per cent. the period of the loan to be 30 years, repayable at the end of any 5 years by either side on six months' notice. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £2,700 be advanced to the Monmouthshire County Council and that debentures be sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by the County Council on duly authorised loans.

5—Electricity Loans—Read, a letter from the Local Government consenting to the unexpended balance of £4509 of the loan of £13,964 sanctioned on the 7th June, 1903, for the purpose of the Electricity Undertaking being applied as follows :—

£2406 towards the cost of works in respect of which a loan of £6,548 was sanctioned on the 19th July, 1904.

£2103 to defray expenditure on mains from 1st April, 1910, in place of loan for £2000 sanctioned on 30th May, 1910, for this purpose.

Subject to the sanctions for the loans of £6548 and £2000 being cancelled except as to the sum of £3986 borrowed under the sanction for £6518. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be Instructed to return these two sanctions to be cancelled accordingly.

6—District Auditor's Report—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor's report on the Slab Factory with reference to the observations contained in the Auditor's Report was considered. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to comply with the Auditor's suggestion that slabs used by the Corporation, other than slabs used for Private Improvement Works, should only be charged for at approximate cost price.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :-

In hand on the 28th November last		£16,841 17 5
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £1,000)		<u>12,698 17 6</u>
		£29,540 14 11
Paid since that date		
(including; Purchase of £2,100 Stock, cost £1,716 19s. 0d.)		<u>£11,367.8 0</u>
	In hand	£18,173 6 11
Being General Accounts	£11,470 19 1	
Sinking Fund.	6,229 15 2	
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>472 12 5</u>	
	£18,173 6 11	

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st January, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Apology—An apology for non-attendance was received from Alderman Norman.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th December, 1911 having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz:—

That Minutes No. 19 and 20 (Salary of Chief Inspector of Nuisances and Staff in Health Department) be referred back for further consideration.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 20th December last, be approved and confirmed and that the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 10th October, 1911, with reference to St. Paul's Parade Private Improvement Works be varied accordingly.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December last be approved and confirmed.

6—Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Lease of the Winter Garden as now amended subject to the agreed deposit of £300 being placed in the name of the Borough Accountant.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th December last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st December last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th December last be approved and confirmed

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11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee. at their Meetings of the 1st and 15th December last, be approved and confirmed.

12---Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their AI acting of the 12th December last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :  
That Minute No. 4 be amended to read as follows :

Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that the Monmouthshire County Council wished to borrow £2,700 and would give 3 ¾ per cent. interest, the period of the loan to be 30 years, repayable at the end of any 5 years on six months' notice from either side. Resolved, That subject to the security being approved by the Town Clerk the sum of £2700 be lent to the Monmouthshire County Council on the terms mentioned.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of

money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th February, 1912.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th January, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, ' Steel, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Tullock's Cottage, and 2 Louieville, Swindon Road, 3, Victoria Parade, 16 and 17, Victoria Street, 263, High Street. 14, 15, and 17, Hanover Street, and 2, Southfield Villas. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 3, Elm Cottages, and 1, 3 and 4, St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road and 263, High Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act; 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Little Crown Inn, Union Street, 41 Upper Bath Road, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Dagmar Terrace, and 4 Hatherley Villas.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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45 Burton Street, and 6 Lower Park Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the works required. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days.

4—Insanitary Property-3 Elm Cottages, 2 Somerset Cottages, 2 Louieville, Swindon Road, 1, 3 & 4 St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road, 263 High Street, and 12 Fairfield Road.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to



the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows : On the 12th ultimo the carcase and offal of a pork pig. On the 21st ultimo, the carcase and offal of a sheep. On the 26th ultimo, the forequarters of a heifer, and on the 28th ultimo, the forequarters of a heifer. (Total weight 550 lbs.)

6--Pig Keeping—The Medical Officer of Health reported that certain pig keepers were contravening Section 90 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, by feeding pigs on blood and offal from slaughtered animals. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice by advertisement in the local papers and by issue of a leaflet calling attention of pig keepers to the provisions of the section and to the penalty for non-compliance therewith.

7--**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last meeting, 20 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been sold for £325 5s. 5d., 57 sheep for £118 18s. 11d., 7 pork pigs for £10 5s. 9d., and 1 sheep skin for 4s 9d. (Total sales £454 14s. 10d.) The number of stock on the Farms on the 11th inst., was 15 horses (not including 6 at depot), 79 head of cattle, 73 sheep and 1 pig all doing very well. He had received £21 16s. 1d. for mangolds and £3 for manure sold.

He recommended that some drain pipes be purchased for Barn Farm and some " quicks " for hedge repairs and also that the roof of the hovel at Broad Leys be covered with corrugated iron. Resolved, That he be authorised accordingly.

Oil Engine—The Sub-Committee considered the Tenders (5 in number) for the oil engine required at the Hayden Farm Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. W. O. King be accepted for supplying a Tangye's 5-horse power oil engine with pulleys, &c., fixed complete for £53 after allowing for the old horse gear to be taken by him. Resolved, also, That the Manager be authorised to obtain the necessary belting required for the engine.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Worcester Sewage—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing notice of an Inquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors at North Claines into the application of the Droitwich Rural District Council for sanction to borrow £1702 for works of sewerage in portions of North Claines and also to the communication of the proposed sewers with the sewers belonging to the Worcester Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the Inquiry to represent the views of the Council with reference to the proposed connection with the Worcester Sewers.

9—Leckhampton Sewerage—The Town Clerk submitted draft of an Agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council for permitting the sewers in the Parish of Leckhampton to communicate with the sewer of the Corporation. Resolved, That the same be forwarded for the approval of the Rural District Council.

10—Salary of Chief Inspector of Nuisances—With reference to Minute No. 19 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, referred back by the Council, the Committee further considered the application of Mr. A. E. Hudson, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That the Committee reaffirm their previous resolution to increase the salary of Mr. Hudson to £210, rising by annual increments of £10 per annum to £250.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd January 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-3, 6 and 7 Swindon Road North, Claremount and Chosenville, Swindon Road, Elephant and Castle Inn, Tewkesbury Road, 1 Cleveland Terrace, Lawrence Cottage, Swindon Road and 7 St. George's Parade. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Overcrowding at 5 and 6 Devonshire Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

11- Cleansing and Limewashing at 31 Albert Street, St. Peter's 7 Park View, Albany Road, 10 and 12 Grove Street, and the Shamrock Inn, Grove Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

15- -Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 2, 4, 6 and 8 Fairview Street, Nestleton and Grove Villa, Albany Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

3 Selkirk Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be

approved and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days.

16—Insanitary Property—7 Park View, Albany Road, 50 Upper Park Street, 1 St. James' Place, Great Norwood Street, 18 Hanover Street, 29 Hungerford Street, and Hungerford Cottage, rear of 29 Hungerford Street. The Medical Officer of health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, laid for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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17—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 12th instant the two forequarters. of a heifer (weight 268 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis were surrendered and destroyed.

18—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. A. B. Sanders, of 22 Duke Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the Medical Officer of Health does not consider the premises suitable for the sale of milk.

19—Mortuary—The Sub-Committee (Councillors Blakeney, Green and Wood) reported that they met on the 15th inst. and inspected the Mortuary. They recommended that inverted incandescent gas fittings should be substituted for the present fittings and that a new gas stove should be fixed, that some wooden mats should be provided round the operating table and that the ventilation of the chamber should be improved. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of carrying out the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

20—Sewer in Elmstone Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had laid a new 9-inch pipe sewer for a length of about 20 yards in Elmstone Street to replace a defective brick culvert sewer. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

21—Sewer in Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Webb, Bros., Ltd., wished to extend the sewer in Old Bath Road for the drainage of new houses on the South side of the road in the district of the Rural District Council, and they suggested that as the sewer would probably be required for the drainage of new houses in the Borough, the Corporation should pay half the total estimated cost of £44. Resolved, That the Corporation agree to pay £3 for each house to be connected, the total payment not to exceed £15.

22—Sewage Disposal Works—Sludge—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Buckle of Whitehall Farm were willing to take a quantity of the 'sludge from the Sewage Disposal Works on to their land at Hayden, A main for delivering the sludge would have to be laid at an estimated cost of £90. This would save a great deal of labour at the Outfall Works, and Messrs. Buckle were willing to pay per annum for the sludge. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and the main laid accordingly.

**STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1912.** Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Mann, Merrett and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Co., on behalf of Mr. Hall, of No. 28 Fairview Road, for permission to place a lamp outside his premises. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, applications from Mr. J. Maxwell, to place 2 projecting signs outside No. 84 High Street, and R. Edwards & Sons, to place a sign outside No. 11 Hanover Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

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2—London Road—Read, a letter from the Road Board stating that the application of the Town Council for a grant towards improving the carriageway in London Road would be dealt with when the question of further grants to the County Council was under consideration by the Board.

3—Slab Factory—Read, a letter from Major General Babbage, enclosing copy of an appeal by him to the Local Govern. meat Board with reference to the Slab Factory Account.

4—Corporation Employees Ambulance Class—The Borough Surveyor reported that seventeen employees of the Corporation had recently passed the Examination of the St. John's Ambulance Association. Resolved, That the Examiner's Fee and Expenses (£1 14s. 0d.) be paid by the Council.

5—Chapel Lane and Lane between Chapel Lane, and Gratton Street—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Robson, Solicitor, on behalf of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Schools, Great Norwood Street, claiming exemption, under Section 151 of the Public Health Act, 1875, in respect of the Private Improvement Expenses (£8 19s. 10d.) in Chapel Lane and the Lane between Chapel Lane and Gratton Street. Resolved, That the Committee do not admit the claim for exemption as the premises are not appropriated to public religious worship within the meaning of the section.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th January, 1912—**Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 15th December, 1911 to the 24th January, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows

Roads repaired—Ark Road and Imperial Square (proceeding). Roads Patched—Bath Parade, Duke Street, Gloucester Road, Hanover Street, Hewlett Street, Leckhampton Road, London Road, Malt House Lane, Marle Hill Road, Montpellier Terrace (rear of), New Street, Norwood Road, Painswick Lawn, Rutland Street, St. George's Place, St. Paul's Street North and Lane, St. Paul's Street South, Swindon Road and Wellesley Road.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Albion Street, Crescent Terrace, High Street, Manchester Street, Montpellier Terrace, Moorend Park Road, Overton Road, Pittville Circus, Pittville Street and The Park.

Gas Trenches repaired--Leckhampton Road, Old Bath Road, Rose and Crown Passage, and Sydenham Road North. Sewer Trenches repaired—Albion Street, Fairview Street, Royal 'Well Place and St. George's Road.

Water Trenches repaired—Hale's Road, Sandford Road and Tewkesbury Road. Footpath Margins asphalted-Hayward's Road and Tewkesbury Road. Footpath Paving repaired—Andover Road, Bath Road, Hatherley Road, High Street, Keynsham Road, King's Road, Princes Street, St. Stephen's Road, Tewkesbury Road, Tivoli Road, Winchcomb Street and Worcester Street.

New Slab Paving laid—Selkirk Parade, (450 square yards).

New Kerb laid—Selkirk Parade. (157 lineal yards).

New Channel fixed—Selkirk Parade (157 lineal yards).

Channelling repaired—Princes Street and Sherborne Street.

Street Crossings renewed-3.

Gateway Crossings renewed-6.

New Gullies fixed-4.

New Gulley Grates and Frames fixed-4.

Wood Paving repaired—High Street by Rodney Road,

Trees Pruned—Pittville Circus Road. Trees felled—Montpellier Street, 1 lime, 1 plane and 1 poplar, Pittville Circus Road 1 (split by gale), Queen's Road, 1 maple.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 14th January, 1912-1,109 loads collected, 1009 consumed, and 100 tipped away. Weight consumed-1235 tons, 9 cwts, 2 qrs.

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17—St. George's Place—Read, a memorial from Mr. T. T. Brain and others complaining of the noise caused by the traffic passing over the granite setts in St. George's Place, and asking the Corporation to have the setts taken up and the road remade. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Corporation cannot entertain the repaving of this road until required in the ordinary course of repair.

18—Tree near Montpellier Lodge—Read, a letter from Mr. E. A. Bennett, of Montpellier Lodge, asking that the sycamore tree outside his garden should be removed and a smaller tree planted in its place. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

19—Arle Road (from Alstone Lane to Alstone Croft) and Naunton Parade Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and estimates of the works required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners.

20—Bayshill Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the margin between the kerb and the grass verge in Bayshill Road.

21—Footpaths in South Ward—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Hayward, of Naunton Bank, calling attention to the footpaths in the South Ward and particularly the Minnow Ditch Footpath. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

22—Carriageway Lower High Street (Ambrose Street to Gloucester Road)—With reference to Minute No. 24 of the Committee's proceedings on the 27th November last, the Town Clerk reported that the British Trust Corporation Ltd., of 85 London Wall, London, had now taken over the business of the British Cork Asphalte Ltd., and he submitted draft agreement with the former Company by which they accepted liability for the maintenance of the cormastik pavement in Lower High Street free of charge for a period of 7 years from the date of the Borough Surveyor's Certificate and also for a further period of 7 years at a charge of 3d. per square yard. The agreement provided for payment of the balance of £400 due from the Corporation at the end of 7 years, the Corporation paying 5 per cent. interest in the meantime. The agreement also provided that the Company should supply such quantity of "Cormastik Composition " or " Cormasticine " as might be required by the Corporation during the period of 14 years from the date of the agreement, at the following prices, viz : The charge for Cormastik delivered in Cheltenham, carriage paid, not to exceed 92s a ton, and the charge for Cormasticine net to exceed £5 10s a ton Resolved, That the Agreement be approved and authority be given for the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1054	Committee of St Paul's Mission Room	Additional Room to Havana Cottage, Milsom St. (amended plans )
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1056	Winterbotham, Gurney & Co.	Motor House, Pittville Circus Road (amended plans)
1057	F. J. Page	Alterations to 88 High Street.

Resolved, That the plans be approved subject to the drainage and other sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 26th January, 1912—**Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1058	H. Kilbey	Shed at rear of New House, Sydenham Road South.
1059	A. J. & J. L. Bendall	Two Semi-detached Houses, Moorend Road.
1060	Gillsmiths, Limited	New Casino, Corner of Promenade and St. George's Road.

Resolved, That plans No. 1059 be approved, that plans No. 1058 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual agreement being entered into to remove same on 3 months notice and that plans No. 1060 be approved subject to all soil pipes which cannot be arranged outside the building being of heavy drawn lead, and to a proper concrete cover being provided to the manhole shown in the public footpath and also to Fire Hydrants being provided and fixed in position with standard couplings to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th January, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Sewer in Pittville Gardens—With reference to Minute No. 4, of this Committee, on the 20th December last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer belonging to the Cheltenham Rural District Council had again overflowed on the 17th instant, discharging sewage into the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board on the matter.

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2—Free Church Council Congress—Read, an application from the President of the Cheltenham & District Free Church Council for permission to erect a marquee on the Imperial Square side of the Winter Garden for the purpose of supplying luncheons to the delegates attending the Congress in March. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the position of the marquee being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to any damage done to the building, walks, turf, &c., being made good by the Free Church Council.

3—Musical Afternoons—Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague applying for the use of the Town Hall, on the 23rd prox., for his Benefit Concert, the Corporation to &duct from the weekly payment to the Band in respect of that day. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to Mr. Teague paying the cost of the electric light used at 60. a unit and any other out-of-pocket expenses.

4—Advertising—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee at its last meeting, read, a letter from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., stating that in order to arrange for all the advertisements included in the Contract to run from the same date the G.W.R. Co. were prepared to accept a nominal sum of £15 for the exhibition of the views in the carriages from the date of the last contract, viz : 30th April, 1911, up to the end of December, so that the new contract could commence on the 1st January, inst. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Read, letters from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., the official Advertising Agents of the G.W.R., offering to act as advertising Agents for the Corporation and give advice as to the advertisements to be issued including the preparation of the advertisement copy and designs, &c, No charge would be made against the Corporation for their services but, they would be remunerated by the commission allowed by the papers. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that they be appointed Advertising Agents, the agreement to be terminable at any time by one month's notice from either side.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., recommending that if a sum of only £200 was to be allocated for advertising this should be appropriated as undermentioned :-

(1) That the following advertisements should be continued :

	£	s.	d.
Daily Telegraph (one line weekly at 7s 6d)	19	10	0
Times of India, Illustrated Weekly ) 2 inches fortnightly	13	0	0
"    Mail Edition    )			
Times of Ceylon (2 inches weekly at 2s 6d) ..		6	10 0
Daily Mail, Continental Edition (2 lines daily) ...	18	0	0
Automobile Year Book ...	5	5	0
G.W.R. Quad Royal Posters	20	10	0
G.W.R. Views and other Advertisements approved at last meeting of Council		60	0 0
Views for Railway Carriages, Midland Railway and M. & S.W. Junction Railway:			
Cost of Photographs supplied from time to time as required, ...	5	0	0
say Illustrated Small Guide, Annual Cost, say	3	6	8
(2) That an advertisement be inserted in the Manchester Despatch instead of the Manchester Courier (at expiration of current contract) namely, 10 lines under " Holiday Resorts," at 5s week ...	13	0	0
(3) That advertisements with regard to the Mineral Waters should be inserted in the			
British Medical Journal, 1s 8d -page fortnightly ...	20	16	0
and The Lancet, 1-inch across page, fortnightly	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
	£199	9	8

Resolved, That the scheme recommended be approved, subject as to the advertisements in the British Medical Journal and Lancet to the approval of the Mineral Waters &c., Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1912**—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Sawyer, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

6—Skating at Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that the ice on the Marle Hill Lake was 3 inches in thickness, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise that the



Lake is available for skating, the charge for admission on Wednesday (to-morrow) to be 1s and on each day after 6d.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th January, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas for purity on the 7th instant which showed 18 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for illuminating power showed 15.8 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to Ellenville, and The Oaklands, Prestbury Road. Resolved, That application be made under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, the Local Authority for the District, and to the Board of Trade for consent to the Corporation supplying the premises.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Vicar of St. Peter's Church, for a supply to the Church (including the organ), the Vicarage and the Institute. The cost of the extension of the main would be £150, and he estimated that the revenue would be about per annum, without including the revenue from five other houses, the occupiers of which had expressed their desire to take a supply if the extension was made. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4—Charges for Electric Supply to Light Railway Company—The Town: Clerk submitted agreement containing the terms arranged for supplying electric energy to the Light Railway Company, under which the Company were to pay to the Corporation 1.3552 of a penny per unit for a minimum of 600,000 units and three farthings per unit for all above this number. This price was fixed on the basis of coal at 10s per ton of a calorific value of 12,500 B. Th. U. and the agreement contained a provision for an increase or decrease in the price per unit varying with the price of coal. The agreement also contained provisions to meet the case of failure by the Corporation to supply, or the Company to take, a supply of energy duo to strikes or other causes over which they have no control, and other clauses for the protection of the Corporation and the Company, and was to continue in force for 3 years from the 1st April last and thereafter until determined by 3 months' notice on either side, but the Company were to pay on the basis of the old agreement up to the termination of the same on the 21st June last. These terms had been approved by Mr. Robert Hammond, who had been consulted as expert adviser for the Corporation. Resolved, That the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed to the agreement

5—Public Lighting—Read, letters from Mr. S. Buck, Mr. G. Banning, Jun. and Colonel Piers complaining of the lighting of Ambrose Place, Hatherley Road, and the passage leading from Parabola Road to Lansdown Terrace, respectively. Resolved, That these roads be inspected at the next View Meeting.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be called for Thursday, the 25th instant, at 4 p.m. to consider the other matters referred to in the Engineer's Report.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

6—Scale of Charges for Private Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended with a view to extend the use of electric light that consumers be given the option of a flat rate of 5d. with the usual discount of 5% as an alternative to the present maximum demand system. After careful consideration he thought that, although this might cause a small temporary reduction in revenue, it would be more than balanced by the saving in cost of demand indicators and the increased use of the light. Resolved, That this recommendation be adopted and that consumers be given the option of the present scale or of a flat rate of 5d. with 5% discount on payment within 14 days of demand, but that a consumer shall only be entitled to change from one scale to the other by giving 28 days notice prior to the 31st March in any year, and that on such notice being given by a consumer the charges shall be made according to the scale selected from the date of the next ordinary reading of the meter for the March quarter.

7—Loan of £1344—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the term for repayment of this loan had expired. This loan had been temporarily advanced by the Bank, and a Sinking Fund established, but owing to there being unexpended balances of other loans in hand, it had not been found necessary to raise the loan, and the accumulated Sinking Fund to meet the loan was therefore at the disposal of the Committee. Resolved, That this sum be transferred to the Reserve Fund.

S--Charges for Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that if the £1344 now available was added to the Reserve Fund, he thought it would be unnecessary to make any further addition to this for the next three years, by which time the deficit loan would have been discharged and that a reduction might therefore be made in the charge for public lighting. He recommended that the amount to be charged for public arc lighting should be as follows:-6 ½ % on £47,771 loans raised for public lighting to cover Interest and Sinking Fund. Trimming charges at actual cost, and 1 ½ d. per unit for all energy supplied.

On the basis of the figures for the accounts for the year ended March last these charges would work out as follows :

6 ½ per cent. Interest on £47,771	£3105
Trimming Charges	1249
Energy at 1 per unit	<u>3890</u>
	£8244

Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman

**WATER COMMITTEE**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th January, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 31 days, ended 23rd Jan., 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	446,000 gallons	471,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	2,180,000 “	1,935,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>129,000</u> “	<u>117,000</u> “
Total	2,755,000 “	2,523,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS				
23rd Jan., 1912			23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan., 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		26,501,000 gallons		29,593,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “	32 ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	9ft. 5in.	<u>1,271,000</u> “	9ft. 11in.	<u>1,339,000</u> “
		127,795,000 “		130,901,000 “

2- Filter Tanks and Filter House- The Borough Engineer submitted the following tenders for the construction of a Concrete Filter Tank and a Filter House at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station.

Name	Address	Filter Tank	Filter House	Total		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
C. Moss & Co.	Loughborough	1279 19 0	1047 12 0	2327	11	0
Hobrough & Co.	Gloucester	1262 0 6	1017 14 8	2279	15	2
J. Wilson & Sons	Birmingham	1177 18 4	1044 0 0	2221	18	4
T. Smart	Nottingham	1152 7 10	950 16 8	2103	4	6
Childs & Withers	Worcester	1112 9 2	958 10 5	2070	19	7
J. Riley	Cheltenham	1031 9 7	950 18 5	1982	8	0
A. Braithwaite & Co.	Leeds	1080 7 7	892 19 9	1973	6	4
Collins & Godfrey	Tewkesbury	1061 10 1	904 7 7	1965	17	8
H. Pittard & Son	Langport	1020 18 10	934 18 4	1955	17	2
W. T. Nicholls	Gloucester	1015 2 2	913 19 8	1929	1	10
W. Bowers & Co.	Hereford	1034 7 11	890 16 6	1925	4	5
M. Williams & Co.	Cheltenham	1010 7 9	900 8 4	1910	16	1
A. Hyslop	Manchester	943 9 7	949 3 7	1892	13	2

T. J. Mason                      Stourbridge                      903 8 9                      881 13 5                      1785 2                      2

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. T. J. Mason, of Stourbridge, be accepted subject to the sureties for due performance of the contract proposed by him being satisfactory and to his entering into a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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3—Tenders for Sand for Filter Bed—The Borough Engineer reported that about 900 yards of sand would be required

Mr. W. T. Price, Tewkesbury      2s 3d

Mr. J. Brown      ...                      2s

Mr. W. Walkley                      1s 9d

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Walkley be accepted.

4—Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that it was desirable to put some fish in No. 4 open reservoir at Hewletts which had recently been cleaned out. Resolved, That a supply of 250 trout be obtained.

5—Water Supply to Aston, Pamington and Fiddington—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council proposing that the Corporation should sink wells for the supply of the Hamlets of Aston Pamington and Fiddington. Resolved, That this proposal be not acceded to.

6—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd January, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker and Merrett (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of the premises at Williams' Allotments, which were still in quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 1st instant, the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Royal Well Church, St. George's Road. Cause, defective stove chimney. Damage about £10. Brigade expenses 19s. 6d. Property insured.

3--Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 21—Read, an application from Mr. J. Stroud, of 9 Chapel Street, and Mr. W. Lewis, of 238 High Street, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 21 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Hackney Carriage Stands—Superintendent Hopkins reported that there were 86 fully licensed carriages, and 17 pony carriages, making a total of 103 conveyances, plying for hire and that the following Stand Accommodation was provided, viz :

Position.	Accommodation.
Clarence Street, Imperial Circus ...	2
Promenade, North end of Long Garden	2
Crescent Terrace, side of 14 Promenade	1
Promenade, South end of Long Garden ...	1
St. George's Road, opposite Royal Well Church	2

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Promenade, South end of Fountain	1
Imperial Square, North end of Town Hall	8
Clarence House	2
Montpellier Walk ...	8
Montpellier Rotunda ... 1s	2
Lansdown Place, end of Lypiatt Terrace ...	3
do. opposite Lansdown Hotel ...	4
Midland Station, Queen's Road	10
Portland Street	3
Pittville Gates	2
Back of Albert Place, Pittville ...	6
High Street, between Berkeley Street and Hewlett Street	4
G.W.R. Station •	<u>6</u>
Total	67

He recommended that the Stand at Crescent Terrace near 14 Promenade for 1 carriage should be increased for 5, that additional stands should be placed in Rodney Terrace (near Lloyds Bank) and near the Belle Vue Hotel for 2 carriages each and that the stands in Crescent Terrace, Promenade, Imperial Square and at the back of Albert Place, should be properly pitched. Resolved, That, with the exception of the placing of a stand in Rodney Terrace, the recommendations be approved and adopted, and the stands appointed accordingly with the addition of a stand for 3 carriages in Cambray, and that the Street and Highway Committee be asked to have the stands referred to paved and drained and also to give instructions for all the stands to be flushed with water each day.

5—Town Hall—Resolved, That permission be given for the erection of an awning at the entrance of the Town Hall for use at the Hunt Ball on the 1st February.

6—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. Alfred Miles, of Nos. 75 and 76 Winchcombe Street, for a licence to store 200 gallons of Petroleum. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Aldermen Rogers and Skillicorne be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School for three years from the 1st March next, on which date their present office expires.

8—Territorial Force Association—Read, a letter from the War Office enclosing copy of a new scheme made by the Army Council for the establishment and constitution of the Territorial Force Association for the County of Gloucester under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907. The new Scheme superseded the Gloucester County Association Scheme of 25th November, 1911, and provides (inter alia) that the Association shall consist of the President (The Lord Lieutenant of the County) and 35 ordinary members, and that not less than one half of the Association shall be military members, seven shall be representative members and 10 shall be co-opted members, the representative members to be appointed by the Army Council as follows :-

3 persons on the recommendation of the Gloucester County Council. 3 persons on the recommendation of the Town Council of Bristol.

1 person on the recommendation of the Town Council of Gloucester.

9—South and West Wards—The Town Clerk submitted a proposal to divide the West Ward, in which there were 1230 electors into two polling districts and also to divide the No. 2 polling district of the South Ward in which there were 1111 electors into 2 districts. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned.

10—Cheltenham & District Light Railway—Read, Memorials from Mr. A. M. Philps and other residents in the vicinity of Leckhampton Station and from Mr. James Maxwell and other shopkeepers in Upper High Street, asking for a revision of the fares and stages on the Leckhampton and Charlton Kings Routes so as to provide penny stages

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between the Leckhampton Station and the junction of Bath Street and Bath Road and from Ryeworth Road to Bath Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send copies of the Memorials to the Light Railway Co., and to ask for their observations thereon.

11- Association of Municipal Corporations—Resolved, That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations to be held in London, on the 19th March.

GEO. NORMAN,  
Chairman

## **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1912.** Present—Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillors Green and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 809 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 11th December, 1911.

The recent Exhibition of Works by Modern Artists had been visited by 3018 persons, and 666 Catalogues had been sold.

He had visited the Victoria and Albert Museum on the 18th and 19th December, and made a selection of objects to replace those now on loan. The authorities had, in addition, granted a loan of 12 oil paintings of the British School and also the loan of Schafer and Rostenscher's work on stained glass of the Renaissance period, which was required for the purpose of study.

The authorities had intimated that they would be willing to lend lantern slides on art subjects for the purpose of lectures on exhibits in the Art Gallery and Museum.

A selection of 58 pictures lent by Mr. G. W. Townshend had been hung in the Gallery and descriptive labels had been attached to each picture.

Mr. G. F. Nicholls of Littlehampton, Evesham, had offered on loan for one month about 20 or 30 water-colour drawings of subjects in Gloucester and Worcester. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Nicholls be accepted on the usual terms.

2.—Attendant—The Curator reported that the attendant (Mr. R. W. Young) had been absent since the 4th December last on account of illness, and was still unable to resume his duties. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to engage Mr. Addis at 13s 6d a week to act as attendant during Mr. Young's illness.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

## **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th January, 1912—**Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December were as follows:-

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	510 13 11	Expenses ...	486 0 11
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>396 15 0</u>
	£510 12 11		£882 15 11

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths from 1st April to 31st December, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	418 8 2	Payments ...	286 16 2
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>249 15 0</u>
	£418 8 2		£536 11 2

The Borough Surveyor reported that several of the large lights in the roof of Alstone Baths had been broken. He had examined the roof and found that the whole of the glazing bars had sunk in the middle about an inch and to prevent a continuance of the breaking of the glass he recommended that an iron rib should be placed under each of the 216 glazing bars at a cost of about £25. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold during December last was 588 as compared with 478 for the month of December, 1910. The number of bottles of Concentrated Waters sold during December last was 180 as compared with 192 for the corresponding period the previous year.

**Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee meet on the Friday previous to the Monthly Meeting of this Committee, when in the opinion of the Town Clerk it is necessary for them to do so.

Resolved, also, That the Mayor be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee.

4—Advertisement in Free Church Council Handbook—Read, a letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., stating that they had been instructed to publish an official Handbook and Souvenir for the National Free Church Council Convention to be held in Cheltenham in March next, and suggesting that an advertisement of the Baths should be inserted therein. Resolved, That the suggestion be not entertained.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.



## **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th January, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1-- -Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Sarah Anne Cypher, Sophia Ladvieze Newmarch, and Sophy Louisa Miller. Memorial Crosses to Graves of Edward Blakeney, Jane Williams, and Sarah Mason. Kerbing to graves of Charlotte Ada Burnell and Mary Girton.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th, January, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, W. Cresswell and A. Miles (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £7 11s. 8d.  
Presentations—Capt. J. F. Daubeny (1 vol.), Librarian, Gloucester Public Library (1 vol.), Registrar, University College of Wales (1 vol.)

The number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1671, an increase of 63, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 11,887, an increase of 160 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (in the chair), Councillor Green, Dr. R. Davies and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended:

That two of the Books recently purchased on Social subjects be not placed in the Library as the Sub-Committee are of opinion that they are unsuitable for circulation.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be adjourned for two months to enable the members of the Committee to read the books.

RICHARD ROGERS,  
Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1912.** Present :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Steel, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1.—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £17,043 1s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £6,553 12s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the Water Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next, was read. Amount collected £9203 14s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £4184 1s. 3d.

3—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £400 of Cheltenham Corporation Stock at 81 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £400 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished and that the National Provincial Bank of England Ltd., the Registrars of the said Stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of the Order and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

4—Investment of Sinking Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Acton Urban District Council desired to borrow £12,014 at 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. interest, repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within a period of 30 years, but they were willing for the balance of the loan to be repayable at the option of either party at the end of the first ten years and at any five years afterwards on 6 months previous notice by either side. Resolved, That subject to the Town Clerk approving the security offered, the sum of £10,000 be advanced to the Acton Urban District Council upon the terms mentioned out of the Sinking Funds.

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received notice from the Solicitors for Mrs. M. J. Margrett for repayment of a loan of £1000 (part of a water loan of £2117) which she desired to receive in the first week in April Resolved, That the loan be repaid accordingly.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 22nd December last	£18,173	6 11
Received since that date	£31,090	<u>15 6</u>

			£49,264	2 5
Paid since that date (including Purchase of 400 Stock, cost £325 1s. 0d.)			<u>18,669 9 3</u>	
		In hand	£30,591	13 2
Being General Accounts	£18,789	9 6		
Sinking Funds	11,334	18 0		
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>470</u>	<u>5 8</u>		
	£30,594	13 2		

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town. Council of the Borough of Cheltenham**, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on **Monday, the 5th February, 1912**, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL

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1—Apology—An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Blakeney.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 1st January last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Public Health Committee—Alderman Skillicorne proposed and Councillor Wilkins seconded, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd January last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following Amendments were moved:—By Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Stewart : " That Minute No. 10 (Salary of Chief Inspector of Nuisances) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

By Councillor Rees Jones, seconded by Councillor Wood : " That the salary of Mr. Hudson (Minute No. 10) be increased to £220, and that no further increment be given, and that the portion of Minute No. 11 referring to Mr. Jefford's increase of salary be not approved."

On the latter amendment being put to the Meeting the names of those voting for or against were recorded as follows :-

For—Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne ; Councillors Earengy, Haddock, Mann, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Wood (11).

Against—Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Stewart, Wilkins and Winterbotham (9).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment carried and the proposition subject to the amendment was also carried.

#### 4—Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889—Resolved-

1. That it is hereby ordered that the provisions of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, shall apply within the Borough of Cheltenham to the Infectious Diseases known as Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro Spinal Fever, as if such diseases had been expressly mentioned in Section 6 of the said Act, and that this Order be submitted for the approval of the Local Government Board.

2. That on such approval being obtained, public notice of the Order be given by advertisement and by handbills, and a copy sent to each registered Medical Practitioner residing or practising in the Borough, and that the Order do come into operation on the fourteenth day after the date of the first publication of the advertisement.

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5—Street and Highway Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th January last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 24th and 30th January last be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 25th January last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th January last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed, and that Aldermen Rogers and Skillicorne be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School, accordingly.

10— Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th January last be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th January last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th January last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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14—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th January last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15—Notices of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

" That the resolution passed at a Meeting of the Town Council on the 25th March, 1903, delegating the powers of the Council under the Education Act, 1902, to the Education Committee be rescinded and that the Minutes of the Education Committee be -in future submitted for the approval and confirmation of the Town Council."

Councillor Stewart gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

" That a Special Committee be appointed to readjust the salaries paid to officials, and to fix a minimum and maximum scale."

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th March, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on the 12th February, 1912—**Present: The Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz 45, 16 and 97 Tewkesbury Road, Doverdale, London Road, 15 Hanover Street, 10 and 10i Grove Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be

given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 5 Swindon Road North, 1 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, 3 Ewlyn Terrace, 45 Tewkesbury Road, 12 and 17 Grove Street, and 40 Worcester Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Insanitary Property—Bayshill Inn, 3 and 4 Ewlyn Terrace, 1 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 Swindon Road North, 43, 41, and 97 Tewkesbury Road, and 40 Worcester Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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4—Destruction of Diseased Meat. The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 7th instant, the carcasses and offal of 7 pork pigs (weight 301 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food.

5—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order. Read an application from Mr. H. W. Baker to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at a new shop in Hewlett Street, The Medical Officer of Health reported that it was proposed to open a Green-grocery business and that the premises, if used for this purpose would be unsuitable for the sale of milk.

Resolved, That the applicant be so informed.

6—Cold Storage, Henrietta Street. The Medical, Officer of Health reported that complaints had again been received of the nuisance caused by the fumes given off from the machinery =It the Cold Storage, Henrietta Street. Resolved, That notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served on the occupiers of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisance.

7—Gipsy Encampment, Hester's Way. The Medical Officer of Health reported that a party of gipsies with 3 or 4 Caravans had encamped in a field at Hester's Way and as they had hired the ground until the 25th March it was necessary that privy accommodation should be provided. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 36 of the Public Health Act 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient privy.

**8—Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant, (Present—Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the farms on the 12th instant was 15 horses (not including 6 at depot), 78 head of cattle, 173 sheep and 9 pigs, all doing very well. 100 sheep had been purchased for £137 10s., 1 prize ram for £11 5s., and 1 sow and 8 pigs for 15s. (Total purchases £124 10s.) 1 cart horse had been sold for £33, 1 pig for £4 11s. 11d. and 2 heifers for £25 17s. (Total sales 8s. 11d.) A quantity of mangolds had also been sold for £17 14s. 6d.

He recommended that 3 cart horses in foal should be insured, and that a new grate should be fixed in the cottage occupied by T. Mason. Resolved, That he be instructed accordingly.

Shed at Broad Leys. The Farms' Manager submitted an estimate from Mr. Drew of £9 for putting a new roof to the shed at Broad Leys. Resolved, That this be accepted subject to the corrugated iron being 21 inch gauge.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Rag Flock Act, 1911. Read a letter from the Local Government Board, calling attention to the Rag Flock Act, 1911 which would come into force on the 1st July next, to prevent the sale and use for manufacturing purposes of unclean flock made from rags. The Board had in hand the preparation of regulations and these would be forwarded as soon as they were issued.

10—Swindon Place. Read a letter from Mrs. Moody calling attention to the insanitary condition of the property in Swindon Place. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11—International Smoke Abatement Exhibition. Read a letter from the Secretary, Coal Smoke Abatement Society inviting the Council to send delegates to the International Smoke Abatement Exhibition to be held in London on the 26th-28th May.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees-Jones,

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-11 York Street, 212 and 262 High Street, 56 Upper Bath Road, 3 Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, 4 St. James's Terrace, Suffolk Road, 34 Victoria Street, 3 St. Paul's Street South, 4 and 8 Russell Street, 44 Townsend Street, and 15 Lower Park Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889,

requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at 4 and 7 Marsh Lane, 35 Albert Street, St. Peter's, Norwood Cottage, Upper Norwood Street, 4, 6 and 8 Russell Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 St. James' Place, 6, 7 & 8 Dagmar Terrace, and Grovelly, Church Road, Leckhampton. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health.. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property—11 York Street, 212, High Street, 31 Millbrook<sup>2</sup> Street, 3 St. Paul's Street South, 5, 6 and 7 Newent. Place, Marsh Lane, 35 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 42 Upper Norwood Street, and Norwood Cottage, Upper Norwood Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 24 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--2 and 3 Attewells Court, off Fairview Road—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the owners of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

17—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 15th instant, the carcase and offal of a pig (179 lbs.) found to be diseased was surrendered and destroyed.

18—Ambulance Wagon—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders received (3) for providing and fixing a cover to the Ambulance Wagon. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. H. Watts of £7 be accepted.

19—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence along the Chelt adjoining the footpath between College Road and Keynsham Road was in a dilapidated condition. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.



20—Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro-Spinal Fever—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board approving the Order made by the Council on the 5th inst extending the application of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889 in the Borough, to Cerebro-Spinal Fever and Acute Poliomyelitis.

21—Post Mortem Chamber—With reference to Minute No. 19 of this Committee at its meeting on the 22nd ultimo, the Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for carrying out the recommendations of the Sub-Committee including the laying of a concrete floor and the provision of a gas stove, at a cost of about £12. Resolved, That the estimate be approved and the work carried out.

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22—Enclosure of Common Fields at Elmstone Hardwick—Read, a letter from Messrs. Gluttons, stating that they had been instructed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and others to make application to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries for an order for the Enclosure of the Common Fields at Elmstone Hardwick, and enquiring if the Corporation would join in the application in respect of land owned by them. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

23 —Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Green and Rees Jones be appointed a Sub-Committee to go through the applications for the appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, with the Medical Officer of Health, and select candidates for interview by this Committee.

24—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his draft Report and asked for instructions as to printing the same. Resolved. That the . Medical Officer of Health be requested to send a copy to each member of the Committee of the observations in his Report referring to special matters.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1912.** Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees-Jones. Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

25—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. The following candidates selected by the Sub-Committee for interview, attended this Meeting, viz :—Herbert G. Chapman, aged 32, Manager of Sanitary Works, London John P. Cook, aged 23, Pupil Assistant to Sanitary Inspector, Torquay Gilbert Lippett, aged 24, Plumber, 2 Pretoria Terrace, Alstone, Cheltenham, and Harry Walton, aged 27, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, Ramsbottom, Nr. Manchester.

Resolved, That Mr. H. Walton be appointed on the terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement inviting applications, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice from either side.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,  
Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1912.** Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Co. on behalf of the Dragoon Cycle Co. and Mrs. Powell for permission to place lamps outside No. 323 High Street and a new shop in Hewlett Street, respectively. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual Conditions.

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2—Promenade—Read, a memorial from Cavendish House Co. Ltd. and other tradesmen in the Promenade asking that the carriageway in the Promenade from Imperial Square to the Colonnade should be laid with Wood Blocks. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of carrying out this Work.

3—Exmouth Court Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mr. C. H. Whitmore asking the Council to take over Exmouth Court as a Public Highway, now that the private improvement works had been carried out. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

4—New Casino, Promenade—Read, a memorial from Mrs. Bramwell and others protesting against the proposed conversion of the Imperial Rooms and adjoining property into a Music Hall by Gillsmiths' Ltd. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the plans submitted to, and approved by the Council are in accordance with the bye-laws and the Corporation have no power to prevent the erection of the building.

5—Trees near New Club—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the New Club asking that the trees which overhang the Club premises should be trimmed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

6—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported that both Mr. Unwin and the Great Western Railway Co. had approved the draft agreement subject to the term during which they were not to be called upon to do any repairs to the carriageway being extended from six to ten years. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that Minute No. 25 of this Committee of the 27th November last be varied accordingly.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Mr. Unwin to give up a small piece of land for rounding the corner of Reddings Road at its junction with Hatherley Lane. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Town Planning Scheme—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committees be held on Wednesday, the 28th inst. at 3 p.m. to consider the question of applying for leave to prepare a Scheme.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th February, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th January to the 22nd February, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :-

Roads repaired—Arle Road (3922 square yards), Imperial Square (2027 square yards), St. James' Square (612 square yards), Selkirk Parade (648 square yards). Roads Patched—Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Gratton Road. London Road, Moorend Crescent, North Place, Promenade, St. George's Road, St. James' Square and Sherborne Street.

Gas Trenches repaired—Leckhampton Hill, Old Bath Road. and Oxford Place.—Electricity Trenches repaired—Eldorado Crescent, Evesham Road, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Manchester Street, Prestbury Road, Promenade, and St. George's Road.

Street Improvement, proceeding—Alstone Lane. Footpath Paving repaired—Burton. Street, Cranham Road, Dunalley Street, Montpellier Wide Opening, Pittville Lawn and Tivoli Road. Channelling repaired—Bennington Street, Henrietta Street and Leamington Place. Kerbing repaired—Leamington Place.

Water Boxes paved round-15. Street Crossings repaired-2. Gateway Crossings repaired-3.

Trees planted—

Montpellier Street, 7 acacia ; Pittville Circus Road, 1 chestnut ; Promenade, 1 lime ; St. George's Road, 1 lime, Trees Pruned—Montpellier Drive, Pittville Circus and Promenade. Trees felled by Committee's orders—Cranham Road, 4 elms ; Cranham Road, 4 limes ; Promenade, 1 beech ; Promenade, 1 chestnut ; St. George's Road, 1 wych elm.

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Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 15th February, 1912-912 loafs collected, 848 consumed, and 64 tipped away. Weight consumed-1113 tons, 0 cwts. 2 qrs,

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 15th February, 1912-233  $\frac{1}{3}$  square yards of slabs made. Steam generated-- Hourly average 6,900 lbs.

9—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

10—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Co. on behalf of Mr. Oram for permission to place a projecting lamp at. No. 18 Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, an application from Mr. A. Garrett of 2 Leckhampton View, New Street, for permission to place a projecting sign outside his premises. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

12—Horse and Trap—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer of £ for the horse and trap formerly used by him. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

13—Alstone Wharf—Read, a letter from the Midland Railway Company offering to let a space of 300 square yards at the Alstone wharf at a rent of £15 per annum and also the use of the weighing machine and machine house for £10 per annum. The Borough Surveyor reported that at present the material sent by the Midland Railway was delivered at Tewkesbury Road, which was not nearly so convenient as the Alstone Wharf, and he recommended that the offer be accepted for one year. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

14—Chelt Bridge at Uckington—The Borough Surveyor reported that the plank bridge at Uckington, partly in the Borough and partly in the Parish of Uckington, was dangerous, and the Parish Council had suggested that the cost of renewing this should be borne equally between the Council and the Corporation. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of providing a two plank bridge with a hand rail at £3. Resolved, That a contribution of 30s be made.

15—Promenade—With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee at its last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost of paving the Promenade from the present wood paving to Imperial Square with creosoted deal blocks at £3750. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

16—International Association of Road Congresses—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the International Association of Road Congresses stating that at the invitation of the Government, the third International Road Congress would be held in London in June, 1913, and asking the Council to make a contribution towards the expenses of the Congress. Resolved, That a contribution of £1 be made.

17—Motor Car Regulations—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing an Order made by the Board amending the Motor Car Regulations prohibiting the use of any cut-out, fitting or other apparatus or device which will allow the exhaust gases from the engine of the motor car to escape into the atmosphere without first passing through a silencer, exhaustion chamber or other

contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing the noise which would otherwise be caused by the escape of the gases. The Order would come into force on the 31st March, 1912.

18—Exmouth Court Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Caudle asking the Committee to make some abatement in the charge of £5 15s. 1d. for private improvement expenses in Exmouth Court. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to make any abatement.

19—Tree Opposite No. 4 Kilchberg Villas—Read, a letter from Miss Winterbotham asking for the tree opposite No. 4 Klichberg Villas to be trimmed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

20—Footpath in Albion Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the footpath in Albion Street, near Messrs. Smith Bros. premises.

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21—Road off Hatherley Road (adjoining Messrs. Young's Nurseries)—Complaint having been received of the condition of this road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the adjoining owners to the matter.

22—**Report of Stores Sub-Committee**—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stewart (Councillor Madan in the chair), and considered the tenders (233 in number) for the supply of materials, etc. for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1913 (except the tender for Castings which was for 2 years) and examined the samples accompanying such tenders. Resolved, To recommend acceptance of the schedule of prices from the following for the supply of goods required by the Corporation:

Cast Iron Pipes—Holwell Iron Company.

Castings, etc.—(2 years) I. C. Fisher, as agent for Brickhouse Foundry Co., of West Bromwich, and Messrs. Salter, of Tipton.

Disinfectants—A. C. Young & Co., United Alkali Co., Cheltenham Drug Co.

Electric Light Fittings—Simplex Conduits Co. (Bristol)

Forage—(except Hay)—Mrs. Snowsell, I. L. Brookes

Hose Pipe and Rubber Goods—F. Bird & Co.

Household Goods and Sundries—Blind Institution, Birmingham, Blind Institution, Cheltenham, F. Bird & Co., J. Jackson, W. J. Newth, Boardman Bros., D. Davies, J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Osborne House Co., E. L. Ward, A. N. Cole.

Ironmongery—J. C. Fisher, J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Kerb Setts and Macadam—Left to Borough Surveyor to order from schedules as required.

Lead Pipe, Brass and Rubber Fittings—Guest & Chrimes, G. Bence & Sons, Ltd, J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—Powell, Gwinnell & Co. Ltd, Webb Bros. Ltd, J. C. Fisher, George Bence & Sons, Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes—Wragg & Co.

Timber—Smith Bros.  
 Timber Sawing—B. Pearce & Co., Ltd.,  
 Tools—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.  
 Uniforms, Overalls, etc.—A. N. Cole, T. Plant & Sons, Ltd.  
 Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd, Pearce & Sons, Ltd., A. B. Boshier & Co.  
 White Lead, Oil and Colours—Middleton Bros, J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., W. J. Newth, Vacuum Oil Co.  
 Cement—Oxford Cement Co., Ltd., (27s 6d per ton), subject to satisfactory references.  
 Coal—Smiths, 24s per ton, Household, 17s 10d, Slack (subject to test), 11s 9d, Powell, Gwinnell & Co. Ltd. ; Steam, 30s, W. J. Oldacre & Co.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday the 28th February, 1912.** Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

23—Town Planning. The Committee considered the question of preparing a Town Planning Scheme. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Read a letter from the Secretary, National Housing and Town Planning Council, inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend the National Conference (Southern Area) on details of Town Planning Administration to be held at London, on the 24th and 25th April. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend the Conference.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1061	T. R. Trotter	Temporary Cycle house, at Korosko, Leckhampton Road.
1062	W. H. Horsley	Additions to No. 2 Royal Well Terrace.
1063	Healing & Overbury	New Shop front at No. 329 High Street.

Resolved, That plan No. 1061 be approved as a temporary building subject to usual agreement being entered into to remove same on 3 months notice and that plans No. 1062 and 1063 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 23rd February, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillors Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Streets and Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Streets and Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1064	Mr. E. J. Burrow	Detached House, London Road
1065	F. E. Jenkins	Three new Streets and Sewers, Sandfield Estate, Arle.

Resolved, That plans No. 1064 be approved and that plans No. 1065 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st February, 1912—**Present The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Band on Easter Monday. Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand, on Easter Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a charge of £3.

2—Archery Ground. Read an application from Miss Legh, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the Archery Ground, at Montpellier Gardens for the coming season. Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Archery Club from the 1st April to the 31st October next at a charge of £12 12s. for the ground including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

3—Musical Afternoons. Read a letter from Capt. de Pledge, Hon. Sec. of the Race Ball, asking the Committee to cancel the Afternoon Concert, on the 12th March, so that the large Hall could be available for decoration for the Race Ball on the following day. Resolved, That the Concert be transferred to the Montpellier Baths on the 12th March.

4--Advertising. Read a letter from Messrs Wills, Ltd., enclosing a list of the Stations, in which they proposed to exhibit the framed views of Cheltenham. Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 26th February, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green and Stewart (Councillors Baker in the Chair).

5—Advertisement in Daily Mail. The Committee considered a proposal by Mr. G. M. McCarthy, of the Plough Hotel, that the Corporation should arrange for a page advertisement in the Daily Mail on the occasion of the Cheltenham Races on the 13th prox. at a charge of £220, of which Mr. McCarthy was willing to guarantee half if the Corporation would contribute the other half. Resolved. That the Committee are unable to entertain the proposal.

6—Pittville Gardens. Read an application from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Canine Society for use of the portion of the Pittville Gardens on the Evesham Road side adjoining St. Aryans, for a Dog Show, on Whit-Monday next. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the following terms ;-

- (1) A payment of £5 5s. for the ground. Any damage caused to the turf, etc. to be made good by the Club.
- (2) Tents to be allowed to be erected on the Saturday, but no dogs to be brought on to the ground until the Whit-Monday morning.
- (3) The portion of the ground used for the Show to be fenced off from the rest of the Gardens.
- (4) The Entrance to the Show to be from Evesham Road.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th February, 1912.**—Present: Councillors Green, Haddock, Rees-Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas for illuminating power on the 14th instant with the following result, viz. 16.8 candles.

2—Requisitions for Materials required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Taylor Scotson Regulator. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Taylor Scotson Pressure Regulator was now working satisfactorily and he submitted portions of 2 charts which showed the variations in the pressure when the regulator was not in use and the improved line due to the apparatus.

4—Loan for Meters. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the loan of £500 sanctioned in 1910 for meters was now expended and he recommended that no further application should be made to the Local Government Board for a loan for meters but that in future these should be charged to revenue. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved and adopted.



5—Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association. Read a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association stating that the Annual Convention of the Association would be held at Harrogate from the 18th to the 21st June next and inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Convention.

6—London and North Western Railway Bill. Read a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association calling attention to the Bill being promoted by the London and North Western Railway Co. in the present session of Parliament which provides, inter alia.

Power to the Company and other Railway Companies to enter into agreements as to the

- (a) Supply, etc., of electrical energy on any part of the undertakings of any of the Companies.
- (b) Power to supply electrical energy for the purpose of any manufactory, works, or premises adjoining or near to any of their Railways (subject to certain restrictions).
- (c) Exemption of Company from provisions of Electric Lighting Acts, 1882-1888. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Borough member asking him to oppose the Bill.

PERCY HADDOCK, Chairman

**WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Eareney, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 31 days, ended 20th Feb., 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	564,000 gallons	475,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	1,936,000 "	1,501,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>129,000</u> "	<u>111,000</u> "
Total	2,629,000 "	2,087,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS				
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 1912			20 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		29,401,000 gallons		27,998,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "	31 ft. 5in.	96,000,000 "
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	<u>1,350,000</u> "	6ft. 9in.	<u>912,000</u> "
		130,783,000 "		124,910,000 "

2—Tenders for Cast Iron Pipes. The Borough Engineer submitted the Tenders (6) received for the supply of Cast Iron Pipes. Resolved, That the Tender of the Holwell Iron Co., Ltd. of Melton Mowbray (being the lowest) for the supply of Cast Iron Pipes in accordance with the Schedule, be accepted for one year from 1st April next.

3—Sand for Filter Bed. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to pay Mr. Walkley weekly, or at such other times as may be arranged on the Certificate of the Borough Engineer, for sand delivered to Tewkesbury in connection with the new Filter Bed.

4—Severn Fisheries Order. Read a letter from the Clerk to the Severn Fishery Board stating that an order had been made exempting the Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs from the provisions of the Severn Fisheries Order. An order had also been made exempting the Pittville Lake for a period of 5 years at the expiration of which period it would be reinspected. The Fishery Board also asked that when the wire netting along the sill of the overflow from the Dowdeswell Reservoir required renewing, an iron grating with bars not exceeding one inch apart should be substituted. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th February, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts. -superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of the premises situate at Williams' Allotments, Gardener's Lane, which were still in quarantine, the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Swine Fever Order, 1912. Read a letter from the Beard of Agriculture, forwarding for publication, copies of the Swine Fever Order, 1912 which amended Article 6 of the Swine Fever Order 1911, as to the cleansing and disinfection of Vehicles, etc. used for the conveyance of swine. The Order came into force on the 19th instant, and the Town Clerk reported that he had published the Order as directed.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 3rd instant, the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at. No. 225 High Street. Cause, defective flue. Damage about £5. Brigade expenses £3 1s. 0d. Buildings, etc. insured. On the 4th instant the Brigade was also called to an outbreak of fire at Hale's Road Nursery. Damage £20, Brigade expenses £ 3 4s. 6d. Cause defective flue. Buildings, etc. insured.

4---Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Read. an application from Mr. Douglas James Richings, of 6 Portland Cottages, for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Cheltenham Races, 13th and 14th March. Reid an application from Mr. J. Gibbs, of 63 London Road, Worcester, for a licence to use a Brake on the occasion of the Races on the 13th and 14th proximo. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman of this Committee be empowered to grant such special or additional licences as they may consider necessary for the convenience of the public on the dates mentioned.

Traffic Regulations. Resolved. That Superintendent Hopkins be instructed to confer with the Race Committee and to make such regulations with respect to the traffic as may be desirable.

6—Cheltenham and District Light Railway. With reference to the memorials from Mr. A. M. Philips and others asking for a revision of the fares and stages on the Leckhampton and Charlton Kings Route so as to provide penny stages between Leckhampton Station and the junction of Bath Street and Bath Road and from Ryeworth Road to Bath• Road, a letter was read from the Light Railway Company stating that they are unable to make the alterations asked for.

7—Education Committee. With reference to the letter received from Councillor Green asking the Committee to consider the desirability of modifying or revoking the delegation of powers to the Education Committee, which had been forwarded for the observations of the Education Committee, read a letter from the Secretary, stating that the whole of the work of the Education Committee had been carried out in accordance with the scheme provided by the -Council. There were very few cases of overstaffing in the Schools and that with reference to the Clinic recently established, as this was under the control of the Medical Officer of Health, the responsibility of this rested as much with the Council as with the Education Committee.

8—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908. Read an application from Mr. Percy Charles Arthur Wiggall, of No. 58 High Street, and also from his Assistant, Mr. Percy Sidney Wiggall, for licences to sell and keep open a shop for the sale of poisonous substances, to which Section 2 of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, applied, for use exclusively in connection with horticulture. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

9—Contributions to Local Hospitals and other Public Institutions. Resolved, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to of the institutions previously to 1906 excused payment of the General District Rate, viz

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General Hospital and Branch Dispensary	£80 0 0
Female Refuge ...	3 10 0

Female Orphan Asylum ..	£4 5 0
Blind Asylum ...	4 5 0
Nazareth House	29 0 0
Coburg Society, Bath Street	3 19 0
Victoria Home for Nurses ...	12 0 0
Provident Dispensary	4 5 0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	5 10 0
Boys' Orphan Asylum ...	2 15 0
Home for Sick Children	<u>8 10 0</u>
	£107 19 0

10—Licence to Store -Petroleum. Read an application from Mr. W. T. Smith, of Suffolk Mews, for a licence to store 100 gallons of Petroleum. The Inspector reported that the premises were suitable. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

11—Information Bureau. An offer was received from Col. Beale to establish a Bureau for the public exchange of information and advice and to give his services in connection with the same if the Corporation would provide him with a room at the Town Hall for the purpose. Resolved, That Col. Beale be thanked for his offer and informed that the Corporation have no room available for the purpose.

12—Adoption of Part IV of Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice, with a view to the adoption by the Council of Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1830 relating to music and dancing.

13—Weighbridge Attendant. Read an application from Mr. B. Constable, the Attendant at the Tewkesbury Road Weighbridge for an increase of his wages from 15s. to 16s. 6d. a week. Resolved, That the increase be granted.

11—Victoria Rooms. The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the means of exit from the Victoria Rooms reported that they had examined a plan submitted and recommend that the arrangement proposed be approved but that an amended plan should be furnished showing the steps with eleven-inch treads and six inch risers and that a section of the gangway to the staircase should also be submitted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

15—Market Tolls—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Studt offering £65 for the tolls during the Mops and Fairs this year. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to Mr. Studt entering into an agreement containing the same Conditions as last year.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th February, 1912.** Present—Councillors Green, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 809 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th January, 1912.

Thirty-three small oil paintings had been received on loan from Mr. F. Milner and placed on a screen in the Gallery. Mr. C. W. Townshend had lent two marble busts and two small figures, which had been placed in the entrance hall. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the lenders.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th February, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1911, to 31st January, 1912, were as follows :-

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts	542	15	6	Expenses ...	541	10	2
				Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>440</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>
	£542	15	6		£982	6	10

2—Alstone Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths from 1st April, 1911, to 31st January, 1912, were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts	426	14	1	Expenses ...	323	6	8
				Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>277</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	£426	14	1		£600	16	8

3-Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Causon of 7 York Street asking to be appointed caretaker of the Shop and Premises adjoining the Montpellier Baths. Resolved. That consideration of the application be adjourned.

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during January last was 632 as compared with 506 for the Month of January, 1911. The number of bottles of Concentrated Waters sold during January last was 224 as compared with 216 for the corresponding period of last year.

5—**Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

Wells—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain the doily yield of the wells at Fulshaw Lodge and Eldorado Road.

Pamphlet—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have printed 2500 copies of the pamphlet " Cheltenham Spa" prepared by the Medical Committee.

Advertising—Resolved, That advertisements be renewed in the British Medical Journal " and " The Lancet," at a cost of £20 16s. and £14 12s. respectively.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Mineral Water Wells—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. enquiring as to the mineral water rights claimed by the Corporation in respect of certain properties fronting Queen's Road. Resolved, That the draft letter submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd February, 1912**—Present Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Mann, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—On the application of the Superintendent. Resolved, That he be authorised to expend £1 for flower seeds.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Frederick Kilbey, Charles, Charlotte Mary and Charlotte Kilbey, and Elizabeth Crawley. Memorial Crosses to Graves of William James and Amelia Skinner and Sarah Frances Burton. Kerbing to Grave of Frances Fuge.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Candle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and A. Miles (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 8s. 1d.  
Presentations—Mr. B. Norton (1 vol.), The Principal, London University (1 vol.)

The number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1550, an increase of 401, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,047, a decrease of 181 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended :

- (1) That the Tender of Mrs. Cossens (being the lowest) for the supply of new literature for the ensuing year (let April to 31st March) be accepted.
- (2) That the offer of Messrs, Henry Marshall & Co. to present to the Leading Department, 2 sets of Music (with local advertisements inserted therein) be accepted subject to the advertisements being approved by the Committee.
- (3) That the official Publications of the Library Association, " Library Notes," " Library Chronicle," " The Library " and Library Association Conference Proceedings comprised in 22 volumes and dating from 1877 to 1898 be purchased for £12.

Resolved, That the publications of the Library Association be not purchased and that with this exception the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Leckhampton. Reading Room—Read, an application from the Treasurer of the Leckhampton Reading Room, asking the Committee to renew the grant of made last year to assist them in their work. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th February, 1912.** Present :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Winterbotham and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 27th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £21,734 19s. 5d., leaving outstanding £2761 14s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next, was read. Amount collected £11393 0s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £2014 19s. 3d.

3—Audit of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 21st to 23rd February inst. he audited the Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found the same in order. The original amount of Stock (£375,000) had now been reduced to £366,425, and he presented a statement showing the annual saving in the amount payable for interest, etc., on the Stock.

4---Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received the following loans namely : £1044 at 3 5/8 per cent. for a term of 12 months and afterwards repayable by 6 months notice and £1200 at 3 ½ per cent for a term of 5 years, and afterwards repayable by 6 months notice. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued, for the £1044 on account of the electric lighting loan of £10,550, and for the £1200 on account of the loan of £1200 for School Furniture.

The Borough Accountant reported that Mrs. Henegan wished to obtain repayment of a loan of £2000 at the expiration of three months. Resolved, That repayment be made accordingly.

5—Investment of Sinking Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Gloucester Corporation wished to borrow £1000 for a term of years at 3 5/8 per cent. interest. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk the sum of £1000 be advanced to the Gloucester Corporation.

6—Electric Lighting Loan, £1344—Read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that as the loan of £1344, the term of which had just expired, had not been formally raised on mortgage of the rates, the sanction should be returned to the Board for cancellation. Resolved, That the sanction be returned for this purpose.

7—Town Hall Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £474 4s. 8d. Consols at 78 ¾ % for the investment of the Sinking Fund for this loan.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 30th January last	£30,59 13 2
Received since that date (including Loans on Debentures, £2,994)	<u>19,553 9 8</u>
	50,148 2 10
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £1,950).	<u>8,740 11 11</u>
In hand	£41,407 10 11

Being General Accounts	£28,853 3 1
Sinking Funds	12,106 15 8
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>447 12 2</u>
	£41,407 10 11



J. WAGHORNE, Chairman

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th March, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS Rees JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1-Apology--An apology for non-attendance was received from Alderman Rogers

2--Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 5th February last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3--Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of No. 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, Charles Henry Margrett, of Sandford House, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Martin Benjamin Ricketts, of Wortley, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, and Robert Steel, of No. 1 Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

4 Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th February last, be approved and confirmed.

5-Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th, 26th and 28th February last, be approved and confirmed, and that Minute No. 25 of this Committee's proceedings on the 27th November last re Reddings Road be varied accordingly.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 21st and 26th February last be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th February last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd February last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th February last be approved and confirmed.

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11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th February last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th February last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15—Salaries of Officials—The motion proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Mann on this subject was not carried.

16—Delegation of Powers to Education Committee—Councillor Green proposed and Councillor Baker seconded :

" That the resolution passed at a Meeting of the Town Council on the 25th March, 1903, delegating the powers of the Council under the Education Act, 1902, to the Education Committee be rescinded, and that the Minutes of the Education Committee be in future submitted for the approval and confirmation of the Town Council."

On the proposition being put to the Meeting the names of those voting for or against were recorded as follows :—

For—Councillors Baker and Green (2).

Against—Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Blakeney, Bendall, Eareney, Haddock, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart, Wilkins, Winterbotham. and Wood (16).

The Mayor declared the proposition not carried.

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17—Notices of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council. That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 (Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association) of the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their Meeting on the 15th February last be rescinded.

Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st April, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the nth March, 1912**—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 2, 3 and 5, Leicester Terrace, 39, Francis Street, 4, Reform Place, and Doverdale, London Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 3, Ewlyn Terrace, 10 and 11 Mapledene Terrace, 2, 4, 18 and 19, Leicester Terrace, and 11, St. Philip's Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered

thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 7 Great Norwood Street, and Stables at rear of 4, Great Norwood Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property-5, Fairfield Avenue, 25, St: Philip's Street, 3, 15 and 19, Leicester Terrace, Southfield Villas, Old Bath Road and 1, Short Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-2 and 3, Attewell's Court, of Fairview Road—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of 2 and 3 Attewell's Court, of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation an Order be made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice of such order be given to the owner.

1 and 2 York Place, Swindon Road—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows. On the 21st February, the carcase and offal of a bacon pig, on the 27th February, the carcase and offal of a heifer. On the 5th inst., the carcase and offal of a calf. On the 7th inst., the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Total weight destroyed, 865 lbs.)

7—Salary of Chief Inspector of Nuisances—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board approving of the increase of salary of Mr. A. E. Hudson from £200 to £220 per annum as from the 5th February last.

8—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Walton, stating that since he was appointed at Cheltenham, he had been appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances to another authority at an increased salary and asking the Council to release him from his appointment. Resolved, That Mr. H. G. Chapman of Lynsdale, Colneyhatch Lane, Muswell Hill, London, be appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances at the salary and on the conditions set out in the advertisement inviting applications.

9—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee-reported that they met on the 11th instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 7 head of cattle had been purchased for £112, 8 head of cattle had been sold for £123 12s. 9d., and 20 sheep for £33 2s. 2d. and 1 sheep skin for 4s 6d. (Total Sales 156 19s. 5d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 13th instant was 15 horses (not including 6 at Depot), 77 head of cattle, 152 sheep and 9 pigs, all doing very well. A quantity of marigolds had been sold for £35 19s. 6d.

Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on the 3rd proximo for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1912.** Present ; The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors 13lakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham, and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-2 Berkeley Street, Laburnum House, 70 Upper Bath Road, 1, Hill View, Naunton Lane, 2 Naunton, Villas, 6 Montpellier Villas, Brooksdale, Upper Norwood Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at 12, 14 and 15, Fairfield Walk, 15, Fairfield Avenue, 14, St. Philip's Street, Laverham House, St. George's Place, Laburnum. House, Upper Bath Road, 31 and 32, St. Philip's Street, 1 & 3 Lacey's Cottages, Exmouth Street, and 5 Park View, Albany Road. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1975 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the

inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

12—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 322, 322a, and 325, High Street and 15 and 16, Tivoli Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report, to the Committee.

13—Insanitary Property-7, 12, 13 Fairfield Avenue, 6, 12 & 13 Fairfield Walk, 1 & 3 Lacey's Cottages, Exmouth Street, and 5 Park View, Albany Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 04 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, he., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

15—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 York Place, Swindon Road—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner and to Mr. G. Davies, the tenant, of 1 and 2 York Place, Swindon Road, of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. Mr. Davies attended the Meeting. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an order be made pursuant to section 17(2) of the Housing and Town Planning Act 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice of such Order be given to the owner.

16—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 14th inst., the rump and loin of beef, on the 18th inst., two pieces of beef, and on the 14th inst., the carcass and offal of a tuberculous pig.

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Frederick Agass, of 68 Stanhope Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises were unsuitable. Resolved, That the applicant be so informed.

Read an application from Mr. H. W. Baker to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at a new shop in Hewlett Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises had now been altered to his satisfaction. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

18—Prestbury Sewerage—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the complaint of the Corporation of the nuisance caused by the overflow from the sewer of the Cheltenham Rural District Council into the Pittville Gardens, suggesting that an Inspector of the Board should meet the Surveyor of the Rural District Council and the Borough Surveyor to discuss the matter. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to meet the Inspector as requested by the Board.

19--Leckhampton Sewerage—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council with reference to the draft agreement for the communication of the Sewers in the Leckhampton District with the Corporation Sewers. Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillor Hanson Powell be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the representatives of the Rural District Council to discuss the matter.

20—Conference of Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Sanitary Inspectors' Association, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Conference to be held at Sheffield, from 2nd to 7th September next. Resolved, That the Chief Inspector of Nuisances be appointed to attend the Conference.

21—Offensive Trade—Read, a letter from the Butchers' Hide, Skin and Wool Co., Ltd., of Birmingham, stating that they desired to open a Fellmongers' Yard at premises in Sherborne Place or Millbrook Street and asking for the consent of the Committee to either premises being so used. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to give the consent asked for, as they do not consider the premises suitable for the purpose.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order under Section 112 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as amended by Section 51 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, declaring the trade of a dealer in raw hides and skins to be an offensive trade and that after public notice of such Order has been given, application be made to the Local Government Board for their approval of the same.

22—Extension of Sewer, Hatherley Road—On the recommendation of the Plans Sub-Committee, Resolved, \_That the sewer in Hatherley Road be extended at a cost of to provide for the drainage of the new houses to be erected by Mr. Burcher.

23—Sewer in Lane at rear of Gt. Norwood Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that when the private improvement works were commenced in this road, the old brick sewer was found to be defective and a length of about 100 yards of pipe sewer had been laid to replace this and the cost had been charged to the Tivoli Sewers Loan. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1912.** Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Hame Reins—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Branch of R.S.P.C.A., asking the Corporation to discontinue the use of Hame Reins on all horses owned or hired by them. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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2—Asquith and Churchill Roads—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in Asquith and Churchill Roads.

3—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Highways Committee had agreed to increase their contribution towards the cost of the repairs to Reddings Road from £50 to £75.

4—Hay—Resolved, That this Committee purchase from the Farms Sub-Committee 30 tons of hay at £5 10s a ton.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 25th March, 1912.** Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd February to the 21st March 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Alstone Lane (1600 square yards), Bath Road (150 square yards), Bath Street (300 square yards), Cambray (140 square yards), Reddings Road (proceeding), Royal Well Place (270 square yards).

Roads Patched—Bennington Street, Henrietta Street, High Street, Lansdown Parade, Leamington Place, Leckhampton Road, Malvern Place, New Street, Rodney Road, St. George's Place, St. James' Square, Shelburne Road, and Well Place. Electricity Trenches repaired—Bath Road, Christ Church Road, Clarence Street, Colonnade, High Street, Lansdown Place, Pittville Circus Road, Promenade, Regent Street, St. Stephen's Road, Sydenham Road North, Sydenham Villas Road and Tewkesbury Road.

Gas Trenches repaired—Cemetery Road, Hale's Road, Prestbury Road, and St. Paul's Street South. Water Trenches repaired—High Street and Tewkesbury Road. Private Improvement Works—St.



Paul's Parade and Reddings Road (proceeding). New Slab Paving laid—Alstone Lane (183 square yards), Moorend Road (100 square yards), New Kerb fixed—Alstone Lane (100 lineal yards), Moorend Road (85 lineal yards).

New Channel laid—Alstone Lane (100 lineal yards). Channelling repaired—rear of Montpellier Terrace, and Moorend Street. Paving repaired—Bath Parade, Bath Road, College Road, Fairview Road, Hanover Street, Hewlett Street, Moorend Crescent, North Place and St. Stephen's Road. New Crossings laid-2. Crossings renewed-2. Surface Water Drains repaired—Charlton Lane, Old Bath Road and Overton Park.

Trees Pruned--Albany Road, Christ Church Road, College Road, Cranham Road, Dagmar Road, Gloucester Road, King's Road, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Spa Road, Oriel Road, Promenade, St. George's Road, St. Luke's Road and Sydenham Road North.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 14th March, 1912—870 loads collected, 827 consumed, and 43 tipped away. Weight consumed-1044 tons, 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt. Steam generated—Hourly average 7095 lbs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks' ended 14th March, 1912-551 square yards of slabs made.

**6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Land at rear of Naunton Park Terrace—Read, a letter from Mr. G. E. Cox complaining of the nuisance caused by the storm water from the land at the rear of Naunton Park Terrace, occupied by Mr. Cornelius Smith, discharging over the footpath into the Naunton Park Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Inspector of Nuisances and the Building Inspector be instructed to inspect the land.

8-Swindon Place West—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate of the works required to be done in this Street. Resolved, That the same be approved and the work carried out.

9-Swindon Plate East—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above Street. Resolved, That the same be approved ; and that Notice be given under Section 150 of The Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein : and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

10—Arle Road (Alstone Avenue to Alstone Croft)—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above Street. Resolved, That the same be approved ; and that Notice be given that under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the .Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act.

11—Charlton Lane Widening—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Arnold, of Tarradale, Old Bath Road, was willing to give up a strip of land required for widening Charlton Lane on the following terms, viz :—the Corporation to pay £10 and also not to call upon the owner to pave the footpath for a period of ten years. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement embodying these terms.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings the Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1066	W. Burcher	Two detached houses, Hatherley Road.
1067	F. A. Smith	New W.C.'s at 26 North Place.
1068	F. E. Jenkins	32 semi-detached houses, Sandfield Estate.

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Resolved, That Plans No. 1066 be approved that Plans No. 1067 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 1068 be disapproved.

Extension of Sewer—Resolved, That the Health Committee be recommended to extend the Sewer in Hatherley Road to take the drainage of the houses proposed to be erected by Mr. Burcher.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday the 22nd March, 1912.** Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillors Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended-new Streets and Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1069	C. E. Wilkins	Detached House, Old Bath Road
1070	Rev. Agg	Large Additions to 3 Clarendon Villas.
1071	Rev. Agg	Large Additions to 4 Clarendon Villas.
1072	T. Wilkins	Additions to Sydenham Lawn, Sydenham Villas Road.

Resolved, That plans No. 1069 and 1072 be approved and that plans No. 1070 and 1071 be approved subject to the same being passed by the Town Improvement Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th March, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Summer Concerts—The Committee considered the Tenders (6) received for the printing required during the Summer Concerts Season. Resolved, That the Tender of the "Looker-On " Printing Co., Ltd. (the lowest) for the general printing be accepted and that the tenders for printing 2500 booklet programmes be adjourned to the next Meeting for further consideration. Programmes—Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Norman Bros., Ltd., of £25 for the sole right to publish and sell the programmes at the Concerts be accepted on the same conditions as last year.

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2—Pittville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Gardiner of The White House, had presented a pet goose to the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the donor.

3—Boats—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers and Councillors Green, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the boats at Liddington Lake to be offered for sale by public auction on Friday next, and that they be empowered to purchase boats to the value of £20.

4—Town Band—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Boyce, applying for a subsidy during the summer months to the Town Band Resolved, That a grant of £12 be made to the Band, £6 payable at the end of 6 weeks, and at the end of 12 weeks, from the 1st proximo, the Band to play 3 week days each week during the 12 weeks in the Promenade from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

## ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th March, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas for illuminating power on the 13th instant with the following result, viz. 15°8 candles. His test for purity on the 14th inst. showed 21 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Reserve Fund—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to invest the amount standing to the credit of the Undertaking in the Reserve Fund.

4—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. L. G. Dimmer, who was appointed Charge Engineer early last year had resigned and that he had appointed Mr. J. L. H. Cooper in his place. He also reported that Mr. H. W. Hartnell, the Mains Superintendent who had been in the employ of the Corporation for 17 years, had resigned and that he had promoted Mr. C. G. Smith who had acted as Charge Engineer at the Works for four years and had had experience of mains work elsewhere, and the vacancy at the Works caused by Mr. Smith's promotion had been filled by the appointment of Mr. George Waring. This rearrangement of the Staff would effect a present saving in wages of £1 3s. 0d. a week.

The adjourned application from Mr. J. M. Robb, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. C. T. Bastin, Chief Clerk and Accountant, for increases of salary, were further considered. Resolved, That the re-arrangement of the Staff made by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and that Mr. Robb's salary be increased from £3 3s per week to a maximum of £3 10s per week and that Mr. Bastin's salary be increased from a £3 3s- to a maximum of £3 5s- Per week.

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Traction Battery—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That five additional cells be added to the Traction Battery at a cost of £22 and an annual payment of £1 9s- for the maintenance of the same.

Resolved, also, That the Maintenance Contract with The Tudor Accumulator Co., Ltd., be renewed for ten years, for the same yearly payment, namely, £74 6s. 6d. with the addition of £1 9s. 6d. for the extra cells.

6-Proposed Trades Exhibition—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Gillsmiths Ltd. proposed to hold a ten days' Trades Exhibition at the Winter Garden in September, and had asked the Corporation to arrange terms for a supply of Electricity and also to lend the Coronation Electrical Decoration materials. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Haddock be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet Mr. Smith and arrange terms.

7—London and North Western Railway Bill, 1912—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, read a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association, stating that in consequence of the widespread opposition the promoters of the London and North Western Railway Bill had decided to with-draw the clauses in the Bill authorising the Railway Companies to supply energy for the purpose of any manufactory works, or premises adjoining or near to any of their Railways, &c.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th March, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Bess Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the Chair)

9—Coal Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the position of the undertaking in view of the Coal Strike and the steps he had taken with regard to the supply of coal and the further steps he proposed to take if it became necessary owing to the unexpected prolongation of the strike. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th March, 1913.** Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Bess Jones, Steel and Wood (Council Merrett in the Chair).

10—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to St. Aryans, Evesham Road. Resolved. That application be made under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, to the Cheltenham Rural District, the local authority for the District and to the Board of Trade for consent to the Corporation supplying the premises.

11—Coal Supply—The question was further considered, but it was not thought necessary to give any additional instructions to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st March, 1912.**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar., 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	524,000 gallons	450,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	2,212,000 "	1,669,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>129,000</u> "	<u>117,000</u> "
Total	2,865,000 "	2,236,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar., 1912		19 <sup>th</sup> Mar., 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		30,263,000 gallons		28,113,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "	31 ft. 11in.	99,584,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 3in.	<u>1,519,000</u> "	11ft. 4in.	<u>1,530,000</u> "
		131,805,000 "		129,227,000 "

A 3-inch meter had been fixed on the Northfield Spring Slain and a 4-inch meter to the Sandhurst Road main to register the water supplied to the Battledown, London Road, &c., districts.

2—New Filter Bed—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing Sanction to a loan of £1750 for the provision of an additional Sand Filter Bed at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station, the term for repayment being 30 years.

3—Water Supply to Aston, Pamington and Fiddington—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the Tewkesbury Rural District Council had accepted a suggestion that a joint conference should be arranged between representatives of the District Council, the Corporation and the County Council to discuss the question of the water supply to Aston, Pamington and Fiddington. Resolved, That the Chairman with the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer be instructed to attend the Conference.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th March, 1912—Present :** The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Merrett (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Folly Lane Allotments, which were still in quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire on the 25th ulto., at the Montpellier Ale and Porter Stores. Cause not apparent. Damage £5. Brigade Expenses £3 8s. 0d. On the 4th inst., the Brigade was called to a fire at the Royal Oak Inn, Prestbury. Damage about £150. Buildings and Contents insured. Brigade Expenses £6 4s. 6d. Cause unknown.

Horses for Engine—The Captain reported that one of the horses used by the Brigade was lame and unfit for work. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and that they be empowered to make temporary arrangements for horsing the Engine.

3—Town Hall—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party enclosing copy of a resolution passed at a Public Meeting held on Sunday, the 25th ulto, with reference to the use of the Town Hall on that date.

4—Licences to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. T. V. West, of 88 High Street, to store 20 gallons of petroleum. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

Read, an application from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., for a Licence to store 1000 gallons of petroleum at Baker's Repository, Regent Street. Resolved, That the application be adjourned.

5—Care of Feeble-minded—Read, a letter from Miss S. M. Fry, enclosing copy of report sent by the Birmingham City Council to County and County Borough Councils with reference to the care of the Feeble-minded. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Education Committee.

6—Victoria Rooms—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the exits from the Victoria Rooms reported that they had considered the amended plans sent in and recommended that the same be approved, subject to better gangways being provided in the balcony. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th March, 1912.** Present—Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillors Green and Steel, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1062 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 14th February, 1912

A Catalogue of the pictures now on loan to the Gallery had been printed and 60 had been sold.

Mr. Ernest E. Boorne had lent 44 oil paintings for a period of 3 months.

Mr. G. F. Nicholls' water colour drawings had been placed on a screen in the Gallery.

Mr. Hardwick had presented to the Museum one case of Lepidoptera and one case of Insecta.

Most of the pictures of the Sheepshanks Collection had been hung on the staircase and corridors of the Museum.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the lenders and donors.

Economic Specimens—Read, a letter from Mr. E. M. Robertson, of Painswick, offering a collection of Economic Specimens. Resolved, That consideration of the offer be adjourned for the Curator to obtain further particulars and to inspect the collection.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th March, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths 1st April, 1911, to 20th February, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	570 9 5	Expenses ... ..	647 10 6
		Interest et Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>434 18 0</u>
	£570 9 2		£1132 8 6

Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Whitworth, of Brighton House, Regent Street, offering to take the shop and premises adjoining Montpellier Baths, at a rent of £2 per month for the first year and afterwards at £2 10s per month. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

2—Alstone Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths from 1st April, 1911, to 29th February, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts ..	429 14 8	Expenses ... ..	394 10 5
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>361 5 0</u>
	£429 14 8		£755 15 5



3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during February last was 749 as compared with 863 for the Month of February, 1911. The number of bottles of Concentrated Waters sold during February last was 168 as compared with 228 for the corresponding period of last year.

Pamphlets—The Town Clerk submitted the Tenders received (5) for printing 2,500 copies of the pamphlet " Cheltenham Spa." Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole of £5 15s (the lowest) be accepted.

4—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—The applications received from Cricket Clubs for permission to play at the Recreation Grounds were considered. Resolved, That the applications of the Original Brewery, Baler Street Institute, Clarence United, Martyn's Athletic and the Pawnbrokers Assistants (Wednesday) Clubs to play at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be granted, and that the applications from the Whaddon United Cricket Club to play at Whaddon Lane and St. Luke's Cricket Club to play at Naunton Park be granted.

Resolved also, That the conditions on which permission has been granted be the same as last year.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th March, 1912**—Present: Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

5—Montpellier and Alstone Baths Time Table—The Committee again considered the Time Tables for these Baths. Resolved, That the same be revised as follows :

Montpellier Baths—

Swimming Bath—That the Swimming Bath be opened on each day during the Summer Season up to 8.45 p.m. instead of 8.30 p.m.

Private Baths—That the Private Baths be opened on each Sunday and also Bank Holidays during the Winter Season from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and during the Summer Season from 6 30 to 10 a.m.

Medical Baths—That these Baths be opened on Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and on week-days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Alstone Baths—

Swimming Bath—That this Bath be opened on each week-day during the Summer Season up to 8.45 p.m. instead of 8.30 p.m. and on each Sunday and Bank Holiday, from 7 to 10 a.m., during the Winter Season, and 6 to 10 a.m. during the Summer Season.

Washing Baths—That the Washing Baths be opened on each week-day during the Summer Season up to 8.45 p.m., instead of 8.30 p.m., and on Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 6 to 10 a.m., and during the Winter Season, on Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 7 to 10 a.m.

Resolved, also, That it be left to the Chairman to alter the day reserved for Ladies, from Monday to Tuesday during the Summer Season, if after an interview with Miss Winterbotham, the Secretary of the Girls' Club; he considers it advisable to do so.

Montpellier Swimming Bath—Read, an application from Miss Welch, of St. Mary's Hall, for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath, on Thursday Afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., as in previous years subject to the purchase of 80 tickets for each occasion. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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Charge for use of Montpellier Swimming Bath for Meetings—Read, a letter from Mr. T. H. Poynton, of the King's Hall, complaining of the low charges made for the use of the Swimming Bath for Meetings during the Winter Season. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting.

6—Naunton Park—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, St. Phillip's Wednesday Cricket Club for permission to play at Naunton Park Recreation Ground during the ensuing season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd March, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Evelyn Gladys Giles, Mary Ann Tarling and William Bragg. Memorial Cross to grave of Frank Oswald and Kerbing to grave of Powell Chandler.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Dr. B. Davies, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, W. Cresswell, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers, (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 15s. 0d.  
Presentations—Miss Burton (1 vol.), G. W. Fanning (2 vols.), Lady Lee (2 vols.), W. Stibbing (1 vol.), Trustees of British Museum (2 vols. and 1 pamphlet), Rev. W. Butt (3 vols.)

The number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1417, an increase of 123, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,224, an increase of 374 as compared with last year.

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**2—Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 29th ulto. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

The Sub-Committee interviewed 7 Candidates for the post of Junior Assistant and appointed H. A. Richards, at a salary of 6s per week, in place of W. Henderson, resigned.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 7th inst. Present :—Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended :

- (1) That the offer of Mr. J. W. Lane to present monthly, as published, The Vegetarian Messenger and The Protestant Alliance Magazine for use in the News Room be accepted.
- (2) That the offer of Mr. Henry Shut to present a copy of his book, " The Idea of a Free Church " be accepted.
- (3) That two books entered in the Proposition Book be purchased at a cost of 5s Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

**3—Leslie Young Bequests**—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of the Executors of the late Mr. Leslie Young, offering a framed enlarged portrait of the Testator to be hung in the Public Library or Art Gallery. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks and that the portrait be hung in the Library.

**4—Roof of Library**—The Librarian reported that the snow boards on the roof of the Library were worn out and required renewing. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1912.** Present :—Aldermen Skillicorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Councillor Rees Jones in the Chair).

**1—General District Rate**—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 26th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £22,526 4s. 11d., leaving outstanding £1970 8s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th instant, was read. Amount collected £12195 7s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £1362 19s. 6d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received on loan £402, £200 and £400 at 3 5/8 per cent. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of Electric Lighting Loans.

4—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. General Statement :—

The following was the In hand on the 27th February last	£41,407 10 11
Received since that date (including Loans on Debentures, £1,002)	<u>7,229 9 8</u>
	48,637 0 7
Paid since that date	<u>23,327 18 9</u>
	In hand £25,309 1 11
Being General Accounts	£17,980 16 9
Sinking Funds	6,880 18 2
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>447 7 0</u>
	£25,309 1 11

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st April, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE  
JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM  
GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL  
ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS Rees JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES

1--Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th March last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed

2—Swindon Road Drill Hall—Resolved, That a representation be made to the War Office urging that the proposal to sell the Drill Hall in Swindon Road should be reconsidered having regard to the fact that a large proportion of the funds for the purchase of the site and the erection of the building were subscribed by the inhabitants of the Borough and that the question of appropriating the building for use in connection with the National Reserves and other National purposes should be considered and that the Common Seal be affixed to such representation.

3—Appointment of Members of Education Committee—It was Resolved, That Miss F. A. Smith and Messrs. E. Bourne and W. G. Gurney, be re-appointed Members of the Education Committee and that Miss Geddes be appointed a Member of the Committee in the place of Mrs. Crawley, resigned, their term of office to be 3 years from the 5th April, 1912.

4—Cinematograph Exhibitions on Good Friday—It was Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. Gillsmiths, Ltd., Poole & Shenton and L. Schlentheim for permission to give Cinematograph Exhibitions on Good Friday, in the Winter Garden, Victoria Rooms and Albert Hall, respectively, be acceded to.

5—Portrait of Rev. Dr. Walker—Read, a letter from Messrs. Rickerby & Co., stating that under the Will of the late Rev. J. E. Walker, a portrait of his father the late Rector of Cheltenham, was bequeathed to the Corporation. Resolved, That the same be accepted with thanks.

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th March last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th March last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th March last be approved and confirmed.

9--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th, 18th and 25th March last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee-- - Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st March last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last, be approved and confirmed.

12--Licence to Store Petroleum--It was Resolved, That the application of Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., Ltd., for a licence to store 1000 gallons of Petroleum at Baker's Repository, Regent Street, be granted subject to the building being altered to meet the requirements of the Petroleum Inspector.

13—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part IV.—The following Motion of which special notice had been given was not moved.

" That this Council do adopt Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (relating to Music and Dancing) and that the said part of the said Act shall come into operation in the said Borough on the 14th day of May, 1912."

14—Art Gallery and Museum Committee ed, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th March last be approved and confirmed.

15—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 27th March last, be approved and confirmed.

16—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd March last, be approved -and confirmed.

17—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th March last, be approved and confirmed.

18—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th March last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

19—Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association—Councillor Green moved in accordance with the notice given by him at the last Meeting of the Council " That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 (Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association) of the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their Meeting on the 15th February last be rescinded."

It was also proposed by Councillor Stroud and seconded by Councillor Haddock, " That the Council proceed to the other business of the day " and this proposition on being put to the Meeting, was declared by the Mayor, carried.

20—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :-

" That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 (Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association) of the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their Meeting on the 15th February last be rescinded."

Mayor.

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**Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 29th April, 1912.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd April, 1912.** Present :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Estimates for Rates--The estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at a Meeting on the 29th instant and if the same are then approved that a Meeting of the Council be held on the 7th proximo, to make the General District Rate and Order for Borough Rate accordingly.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 29th April, 1912, at 3 p.m.** Present :

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the Chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE)

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN  
WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED- BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY  
EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN  
WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD JAMES STEWART  
JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1-Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, on the 22nd April last be approved and confirmed, that the estimates be approved and made accordingly, that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s., and that such owners be assessed in respect of tenements whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one half.

Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town. Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th May, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th April, 1912—Present :** The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Brooksdale, Upper Norwood Street, 2 Naunton Villas, .Naunton Lane, 31 Hunger-ford Street, 44, 45, 46 and 97 Tewkesbury Road and 1 Grove Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 10 St. Paul's Street South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Limewashing at 14 Queen Street, 45, Tewkesbury Road, 9, St. Philip's Street, and 13 Columbia Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public



Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmate' was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 31 Fairview Street, 6 York Street, 4 Hatherley Place, 1 and 2 Tivoli Works Cottages, 46, 47 and 48 Tivoli Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Stopped W. C. at No. 56 Stanhope Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported the existence of a nuisance at No. 56 Stanhope Street, caused by the stopping up of the W.C. Resolved, That Notice be served under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, upon the owner requiring the abatement of the nuisance.

5—Insanitary Property---Nos. 11, 12; 13,14, 15, 16, 43, 46 & 56 Stanhope Street, 8 Naunton Terrace, 31 & 39 Hungerford Street, 44, 97, 122 and 123 Tewkesbury Road, 9, St. Philip's Street and 13, Columbia Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6--House without Proper Water Supply-16 Stanhope Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health, 1875, to the owner, requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

7—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer reported that the following houses had water closets without efficient flushing apparatus, viz :—5, 6, 8, 9, 16 and 50 Stanhope Street and 14 Queen Street. Resolved, That notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto and that in default of compliance with such notices, proceedings be taken for the penalties.

8—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Report for the year 1911. Resolved, That he be authorised to have 250 copies printed and to obtain and accept a satisfactory tender.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 22nd ulto., the carcase and offal of 4 pork pigs, and on the 6th inst. the carcase and offal of a calf (total weight 490 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed.

10—Delancey Hospital—Read, a letter from Mr. W. G. Gurney, stating that in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the Corporation and the Hospital, the Cheltenham Rural District Council had agreed to increase their Annual Contribution to the Hospital so as to be in rateable proportion to the sum contributed by the Corporation, but the Rural District Council had asked to have a representative on the Management Committee and also that their Medical Officer of Health should have permission to attend the meetings of the Committee but without the power of voting. Resolved, That the Committee raise no objection to the proposal.

11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 3rd instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair), and visited the Farms for the Annual Stock-taking and Valuation. They submitted the following summary :

Live Stock	£2296 7 6
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, &c.	573 10 0
Acts of Husbandry	70 17 6
Implements, Harness, &c.	433 1 10
Shedding, &c.	<u>236 18 6</u>
	£3615 15 4

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The Sub-Committee also met on the 15th inst. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 40 head of cattle including 5 calves had been purchased for £63 15s., and 2 pigs for £2. (Total purchases £465 15s. 0d). 1 Foal and 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 9 head of cattle including 1 calf had been sold for £154 4s. 11d., and 8 pigs for £8 12s. 0d. Total Sales, £162 16s. 11d. 32 tons, 18cwts., 3 qrs. of mangolds had been sold for £23 2s. 6d.

Resolved, (1), That " Lower. Broach " be drained and that the Chairman and Alderman Skillicorne be authorised to accept the lowest tender for the pipes required.

(2) That new spouting be fixed to the Shed at Barn Farm and that the Shed be tarred.

(3) That the floors of the 2 cottages at Hayden be relaid with red tiles and that the necessary colouring and whitewashing be done.

(4) That tenders be obtained for supplying a New Trolley.

(5) That 50-100 fencing posts be obtained as required by the Manager. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1912.** Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham, and Wood (Alderman Norman in the chair).

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-26, Queen Street, 15, Lower Park Street, 13, King Street, 8, Fairfield Parade, Norwood Cottage, Upper Norwood Street, 8 St. George's Street, and 4 & 8 Russell Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at 3 and 8 Fairfield Parade, 7 Park View, Albany Road, Norwood Cottage, Upper Norwood Street, 8 St. George's Street, and 4, 6 and 8, Russell Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Mayville, St. James' Square and Nos. 12 and 13, Casino Place.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, he., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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3, 4 and 5, Sandford Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the works required. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days.

15—Insanitary Property-30, Cleaveland Street, 20 Columbia Street, 8 St. George's Street, 10 Russell Street, and 5, Park View, Albany Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-212 High Street and 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Place.—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling-houses were in a state so

dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owners of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

17—Want of Urinal Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the licensed premises of Messrs. Dobell & Co., Ltd., in Comity Court Road had no proper urinal accommodation. Resolved, That notice under Section 44 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, be served on the owners requiring them to provide and maintain a proper and sufficient urinal in a suitable position.

18—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Noticed requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, blocked W.C., defective paving, &c., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th April, 1912.** Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Company, on behalf of Mr. A. N. Cole, for permission to place a projecting lamp outside No. 350 High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to usual conditions.

2—Damage to Cart—Read, a letter from Mr. W. T. Morris, of Fairview Road, claiming the sum of £7 6s. 0d. for damage done to his cart and harness at the Destructor by one of the Corporation horses running away. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to pay the sum off in settlement of the claim.

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3—Seats in St. George's Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. Lewitt, of Yorkleigh, St. George's Road, asking that the two seats opposite Cambridge House and Endcliffe, should be replaced. The Borough Surveyor reported that these seats had been temporarily removed to the Depot to be repainted. Resolved, That Mrs. Lewitt be so informed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 29th April, 1912.** Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Baker, Mann, and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

4-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd March to the 25th April, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Clarence Square, rear of, (1090 square yards), Gloucester Place (1,173 square yards), Hungerford Street (rear of), Reddings Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Albert Road, Bath Road, Brunswick Street, Christ Church Road, Dunalley Parade, Dunalley Street, Gloucester Road, Hatherley Road, Overton Road, St. Paul's Road, Wellington Passage, and Winchcombe Street.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Bayshill Terrace, Carlton Street, Prestbury Road, Regent Street, Rodney Terrace, Selkirk Parade, Suffolk Parade, Tewkesbury Road and Winchcombe Street.

Gas Trenches repaired—Bath Road, Cemetery Road, and Old Bath Road. Sewer Trenches repaired—Bath Parade, Clarence Road, Gloucester Road, Monson Avenue, North Place, Northfield Terrace, Portland Street, St. Luke's Place, and St. Paul's Road. Water Trenches repaired—Cemetery Road.

New Slab Paving laid—Suffolk Lawn (72 square yards). Paving repaired—Albert Place, Cleveland Street, Gratton Street, Hanover Street, High Street, Keynsham Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Street, St. Paul's Road, Wellington Street and Winchcombe Street.

Asphalt Margins repaired—Lypiatt Road, Tewkesbury Road, and Wellington Square.

Channelling repaired—Andover Road, Gratton Street, Grosvenor Place South, \_Montpellier Spa Road, and St. Paul's Road. Kerbing repaired—Andover Road, Crescent Terrace, Gratton Street, and St. Paul's Road.

Crossing repaired-1. Cabstands Paved—Crescent Terrace (71  $\frac{2}{3}$  square yards). Private Improvement Works—Casino Place (proceeding), and St. Paul's Parade (completed).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 18th April, 1912-1036 loads collected, 1025 consumed, and 11 tipped away. Weight consumed-1270 tons, 8 cwt.

Steam generated—Hourly average 6654 lbs.

Slab factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th April, 1912-53  $\frac{1}{3}$  square yards of slabs and 240 feet of kerbing made.

**5-Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 29th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

6-Street Projections—Head, an application from Mr. G. F. Ransome, of The Belle Vue Hotel, for permission to place outside his premises, 2 Automobile Club Signs. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the mm mini conditions.

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7—Hame Reins—The letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., asking the Corporation to discontinue the use of the Hame Rein on all horses employed by them. Resolved, That it be left to the discretion of the Borough Surveyor to discontinue the use of the rein in all cases in which he considers this can be done.

8—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Balance Sheet of the work of the Slab Factory for the half-year ending the 28th March last :

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	£ s. d.
Surplus brought forward from 28th Sept., 1911 ...	378 1 8
Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended 28th March, 1912 :	
To Corporation Departments	£279 16 8
To Private Improvement Works	36 11 1
To Private Customers ...	<u>264 5 9</u>
Total	£580 13 6
Less used in Queen's Circus and Moorend Road for which no charge is made ...	<u>£47 3 2</u>
	533 10 4
Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other departments	17 11 11
Slabs in Stock, 28th March, 1912; under cost price	1715 0 3
Kerbs, etc. ditto, ditto, including blocks for sewage filters ...	741 8 11
Overcharge on Interest and Sinking Fund, Rates,	
Taxes and Insurance, from 1907 to 1911 ...	45 17 5
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock, 28th March, 1912	<u>43 13 1</u>
Total	£3475 3 7

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	£ s. d.
Slabs in Stock, 28th September, 1911, under cost price	1583 13 6
Kerbs, etc. ditto ditto including blocks for sewage filters ...	772 12 7
Value of Cement and other Materials in Stock, 28th September, 1911	49 16 0
Wages and Materials for half-year ended 28th March, 1912...	500 10 5
Rates, Taxes and Insurance, ditto, ditto...	11 12 5
Interest and Sinking Fund ...	114 15 0
Bad Debt, 1909	2 8 9
Surplus ...	<u>439 14 11</u>
Total	£3475 3 7

Note--Value of Slabs, etc., for Street Improvements as above for which no charge is made £47 3 2

Ditto

Ditto previously ...

£1041 5 4

£1088 8 6

9—Pillar Letter Box—Read, an application from the Postmaster for permission to erect a Pillar Letter Box in Tewkesbury Road, opposite the Town Sub Post Office. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

10—Telephone Poles in Leckhampton Lane—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, P.O. Telegraphs, for permission to place two telephone poles in Leckhampton Lane. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to the same being painted and of a kind approved by him.

11.—Territorials Annual Camp Training—Read, a letter from Major Tarrant, stating that the 5th Batt. Glos. Regiment would hold its Annual Training in Camp from the 4th to the 18th August, and asking that permission should be given to employees to attend the Camp. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange accordingly so far as practicable.

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12—Horses for Fire Brigade—The Resolution of the General Purposes Committee suggesting that this Committee should provide two suitable horses for the use of the Fire Brigade, and that a sum of £10 10s per annum should be credited to the High ways Account for the use of the horses in the Borough, and a sum of 2s for each occasion the horses are used outside the Borough, was considered. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted. Resolved, also, That the Stores Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase an additional horse for use in connection with the Brigade.

13—Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bendall and Wilkins be appointed with three representatives of the Public Health Committee, a Sub-Committee to revise the Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th April, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1068	F. E. Jenkins	32 semi-detached houses, Sandfield Estate (amended plans)
1073	J. L. Hare	Additions to Nethermuir, The Park

1074	Mrs. Powell	Additions to Stable, Granley Road
1075	H. J. Brown	Two Semi-detached Houses, Vittoria Walk

Resolved, That Plans No. 1063 and 1075 be disapproved, that Plans No. 1074 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 1073 be approved.

2—Byelaws—Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to appoint a Sub-Committee to revise the Byelaws with respect to new streets and buildings.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 29th April, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, and Stewart (Councillors Bendall in the Chair).

3—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Streets and Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1075	H. J. Brown	Two Villas, Vittoria Walk (amended plans)
1076	S. Bendall	12 Semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
1077	Board of Guardians	New Sick and Isolation Wards, Union Workhouse.
1078	Andrew Page	Two Semi-detached houses in road off Swindon Road, North end of Malvern Street.
1079	F. J. Biggs	Detached House, London Road.
1080	J. P. Pates	2 Additional Rooms at Morecombe, Sydenham Road S.
1081	G. Dimmer	Additions to No. 1a Bayshill Villas, St. George's Road.
1082	A. D. Donald	New Conservatory, Glenroy, Sydenham Villas Road.
1083	P. Bendall	Alterations to Nos. 13 and 13a Promenade.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1075, 1076, 1079 and 1082 be approved, that Plans No. 1077 and 1080 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans No. 1083 be approved subject to the main building line being set back 10 feet from, and parallel to, the kerb and that Plans No. 1078 and 1081 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th April, 1912—**Present : Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).



1--Summer Concerts—The Committee further considered the arrangements for the Summer Concerts.

Season—Resolved, That the Season commence on the 27th May and end on the 14th September next.

Staff—The Committee considered the applications received for employment at the Concerts. Resolved, That Messrs. E. Reuberson and W. H. Slade be appointed Cashiers, at 24s per week, that L. Rotundo and C. A. Smart be appointed Checkers (afternoon and evening) at 18s per week, and G. Oliver and H. Harris (evenings only) at 9s, and C. F. Robertson be appointed Billposter and Attendant at 25s per week.

Takings—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be requested to make similar arrangements for issuing tickets and receiving the takings at the Summer Concerts as made for the Musical Afternoons.

Booklets—Resolved, That the Tender of the Looker-On Printing Works Ltd. (the lowest) for printing 2500 booklet programmes for £6 10s. and an allowance of 6 pages for advertisements be accepted.

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2—Visit of Institute of Water Engineers—On the application of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the members of the Institute of Water Engineers attending the Conference at Cheltenham, on the 4th, 5th and 6th June be granted free admission to the Concerts at Montpellier Gardens on the 6th June and also to the Pittville Gardens.

3—Musical Afternoons, 1911-1912—The Borough Accountant presented the following Statement of the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Musical Afternoons, 1911-1912.

16th October, 1911 to 29th March, 1912.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.
Orchestra	418 0 0
Vocalists	34 2 0
Attendants ...	21 16 0
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	33 8 2
Piano Hire and Removals	8 16 6
Manager	19 13 0
Hire Winter Gardens ..	6 18 0
Electric Energy	20 2 0
Flowers and Plants ... . . .	3 0 0
Fee for use of French Music	3 3 0
Insurance of Band (proportion) ... .	2 0 0
Sundry Labour ..	<u>11 19 0</u>
	£583 8 8

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions			
233 @ 10s 6d	122	6	6
21 @ 31s 6d	33	1	6
1 @ 5s		<u>5</u>	0
	155	13	0
Books of Tickets		5	8
Admission at Doors	232	4	0
Balcony Hire		10	6
Refreshment Rights ...	15	15	0
Programme Rights ..	15	0	0
Re Benefit Concert ..	4	0	0
Re Winter Garden ..		<u>6</u>	0
	434	10	6
Balance (Loss)		<u>148</u>	<u>18</u>
	£583	8	8

4—Steam Launch—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the Boiler Insurance Co. on their examination of the boiler steam launch recently purchased, and reported that the repairs necessary were being carried out at a cost of about £4. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to effect an Insurance Policy for £500 to cover any damage caused by explosion.

5—Railings at No. 1 Promenade—Read, an application from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. complaining of the nuisance caused by persons placing bicycles against the railings outside No. 1 Promenade, and asking permission to bring forward the railings in line with No. 2 Promenade. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the corner of the railings being rounded off.

6—Alterations to No. 3 and 4 Clarendon Villas—The plans submitted by Rev. Agg-Large for alterations to Nos. 2 and 3 Clarendon Villas were considered. Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th April, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 16th inst. showed 16 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for illuminating power on the 18th inst. showed 16 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

The Borough Engineer reported that it was the practice to purchase from the Corporation Contractors all materials included in the tenders obtained by the Borough Surveyor. Other materials not so included were either purchased under contract after obtaining competitive tenders or quotations from the various makers, except in cases where the materials were maker's specialities with a fixed price.

3--Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to a new house in Old Bath Road. Two other houses were about to be erected which the builder would undertake to wire, and other houses were likely to be built before long. The cost of extending the main was £83. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4--Sub-Stations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had inspected all the Sub-Stations and Transformer Chambers, and submitted a report on their condition and the repairs, etc. necessary. The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the Committee reported that they had inspected the Belle Vile, Cambray and High Street Sub-Stations, and recommended that the alterations to the latter two sub-stations as set out in the report of the Borough Electrical Engineer at an estimated cost of and £102 17s. 0d. respectively should be carried out and the cost charged to the renewals fund. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Public Lighting—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of an appeal by Major-General Babbage, with reference to the amount charged for street lighting, and asking for the observations of the Council thereon. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th April, 1912,** at the Tewkesbury Works.—  
Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Eareney, Green and Merrett (Tice Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.	
	For 31 days, ended 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr., 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	476,000 gallons	344,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	1,482,000 "	956,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>120,000</u> "	<u>108,000</u> "
Total	2,078,000 "	1,408,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

		23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr., 1912			23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr., 1911
	Depth	Contents	Depth		Contents
Hewletts		28,686,000 gallons			27,023,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 9in.	98,706,000 "	30 ft. 3in.		90,897,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 4in.	<u>1,665,000</u> "	11ft. 3in.		<u>1,519,000</u> "
		129,057,000 "			119,439,000 "

2—Arle Building Estate—The application of Mr. F. E. Jenkins for an extension of the water main to supply his building estate at Arle was considered. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be requested to have a joint meeting with this Committee to consider Mr. Jenkins' application for the extension of the water main and sewer.

3—Worcester Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Engineer reported that he had inspected these works and found that fair progress was being made, and he was informed that the Contractors hoped to complete them by the end of June but he thought they would hardly be completed before the end of the Summer.

4—Filter Beds and Purification Plant—The Committee inspected the new works in course of construction.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst Animals. Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing copy of the Foreign Hay and Straw Order, 1912, which prohibits the landing of bay and straw in Great Britain from any country out of the United Kingdom except the United States, Canada, South Africa, Norway, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, and also a copy of an Order made by the Board extending the provisions of the Importation of Dogs Order, 1901, and the Importation of Canine Animals Order, 1909.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire on the 18th inst., at Regent Cottage, Regent Place, Swindon Road. Cause not apparent. Damage about £15. Brigade expenses, £3 1s. 0d. Buildings but not contents insured.

**Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee**—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 20th inst., at the Fire Station. Present : Councillors Baker and Merrett (Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year).

The Sub-Committee inspected the Fire Station, etc., and recommended:

- (1) That the outside woodwork and spouting of the Station be repainted.
- (2) That the Store House be whitewashed and the range in the Kitchen at the Fire House repaired.
- (3) That the Street and Highway Committee be requested to provide two suitable horses for the use of the Fire Brigade and that an annual payment of £10 10s. 0d. be credited to the Highways Department for the provision of the horses together with a sum of £2 2s. 0d. for each occasion on which they are required for a fire outside the Borough.
- (4) That tenders be obtained for supplying 500 feet of hose in 50 feet lengths and also 20 new belts for the firemen. Resolved, That the repairs be carried out, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the hose and belts and that the Street and Highway Committee be asked to provide the horses on the terms mentioned.

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Read, applications from Sydney Young, of 4 Dagmar Terrace, and Charles Birch, of 10 St. Paul's Street South, for Licences to drive Hackney Carriages. Resolved, That a licence be granted to Sydney Young, and that the application of C. Birch be adjourned to the next meeting.

4—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot, on Tuesday, the 4th June next, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council at the Depot, on the 11th June next, at 10.30 a.m.

5—Shop Hours Act, 1912—Read; a Memorandum by the Town Clerk, on the provisions of the Shop Hours Act, 1912. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

6—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from S. C. H. Dix & Co., of 1 Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road, for a licence to store 20 gallons of petroleum. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

7--Fruit Market—Mr. Chas. C. Castle attended the Committee and asked for further accommodation to be provided at the Market for the storage of fruit pots. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of providing additional accommodation.

8—Minutes and Agenda—Read, a letter from the Editor of the "Municipal Journal" asking to be supplied each month with a copy of the Council Agendas, &c. Resolved, That a copy of the Minutes adopted by the Council be supplied.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th April, 1912.** Present—Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Steel (Alderman Rogers in time chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1083 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th March, 1912.

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Read, a letter from Messrs. G. Harrap Co., Publishers, stating that it was now desired to reproduce the picture by Mr. Hugh Riviere, "A Libation of Olympus," in a book entitled, "Myths of Greece and Rome," instead of in the books, "Stories from the Odyssey," or "Stories from the Iliad," and asking for permission to reproduce the picture. Resolved, That the permission be given subject to an acknowledgment of such permission being printed on the reproduction.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th April, 1912—**Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair),

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths for the year ended 31st March, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts ..	634 0 0	Expenses ...	730 2 9
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion)	<u>528 17 2</u>
	£634 0 0		£1258 19 11

Charge for use of Montpellier Baths for Meetings—Resolved, That consideration of the letter from Mr. T. H. Poynton with reference to the charge made for the use of the Baths for meetings be adjourned until September, when the question of the charges will be considered. The Borough Surveyor reported that the amount received for the lettings during the past winter was £95 compared with £71 for the previous season. Resolved, That the sum of £4 be paid to the Superintendent for the extra services rendered by him in connection with the lettings.

2—Alstone Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths for the year ended 31st March, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts ...	434 4 8	Expenses ...	427 9 0
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion)	<u>334 14 9</u>
	£434 4 8		£762 3 9

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Swimming Bath—Read, an application from the Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath on Monday and Friday Evenings for Galas and Practice on the same terms as in previous years. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Coal Supply—The Borough surveyor reported that the Contractors were not yet in it position to supply the slack coal required for the Baths. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, and that in the meantime the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain such quantities of coal elsewhere, as may be required.

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold during March last was 1105, as compared with 847 for the month of March, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during March was 252, as compared with 258 for the corresponding period of last year.

5---Grove Street Recreation Ground—Complaints were received from Miss Matthews and Mr. Mitchell, of the damage done to their property by boys attending at the Grove Street Recreation Ground throwing stones. Resolved, That a copy of the complaints be forwarded to the Police and that they be asked to give more supervision to the Ground.

6—Grazing at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from Holliday and Page, Ltd., A. H. and D. D. Downham and G. Willis, stating that they were willing to continue their tenancy of the grazing at the Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds at rents of £8, £7 and £3 respectively, for one year from the 25th ultimo. Resolved, That the offers be accepted on the same terms as last year.

7—Cricket at Naunton Park—Read an application from the Emmanuel Cricket Club for permission to play at Naunton Park during the ensuing season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th April, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstones to graves of Mary E. Jones, Isabella Ford, George A. Harper and Charlotte Poole. Memorial Crosses to graves of John Pegley and Sally Tinker. Cross and Kerbing to graves of Wilfred Barnett, James Warner Barton Priest, James Henry Brett and Esther Jane McFee. Kerbing to graves of William Rowbree, Edward Henderson, Matilda Ann Long, Emma Jane Williams and Alice and Jack Moore. Memorial to grave of Pownoll Toker Williams.

2—Inspection of Cemetery—Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection to the Cemetery on Wednesday, the 8th proximo, at 10 a.m.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th April, 1912**—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Green and Steel, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, W. Creswell, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 13s. 10d. Presentations—Dr. Airy (3 vols.), James Cassidy (1 vol.) and John Sawyer (1 vol.)

The number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1763, an increase of 278, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 12,474, an increase of 2833 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

The Sub-Committee interviewed 4 Candidates for the post of Junior Assistant and appointed L. E. Evans, at 6s per week in place of F. J. Tharme, resigned. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

3—Books on Social Subjects—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at its Meeting on the 16th January last. Resolved, That this Committee approve the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the two books on social subjects be not admitted to the Library.

RICHARD ROGERS,  
Chairman.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th April, 1912.** Present : Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair)

1—General District Rate—The Borough Accountant's Final Report dated the 30th instant on the collection of the General District Rate made on the 16th May last was read. Amount collected £45,294 11s. 1d. Voids, legally excused allowances, &c., £3653 1s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £79 2s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 31st March last, was read. Amount received 12157 4s. 7d. Voids, abatements, &c., £209 3s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2566 8s. 2d.

3—Rates Department—The Borough Collectors reported that the total amount received in the Rates Department for the year ending the 31st March last was as follows :

For Municipal purposes (General District Rate, Borough Rate, Water, Electric Light and Pittville Rent Charges)	£119,297 3 10
Poor Rate (exclusive of Borough Rate)	<u>31,394 7 9</u>
	£150,891 11 7

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4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received on loan sums amounting to £1200 at 3 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> per cent. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued as follows :—£500 on account of the Promenade Improvement Loan, £100 on account of Electric Lighting £500 Loan, and £600 on account of Waterworks Loans.

The Borough Accountant also reported that the Great Yarmouth Corporation desired to repay a loan of £2600 in September next, instead of in November, 1913, as the property on account of which the loan was raised had been sold. The Yarmouth Corporation did not ask for repayment of the reciprocal loan advanced by them. Resolved, That repayment be accepted as proposed.

5—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Fund and Electric Lighting Reserve Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Llandudno Urban District Council were willing to lend £3000 to the Cheltenham Corporation if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3½ per cent., the period of the loan and length of notice for repayment to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £3000 (Electric Light Reserve Fund) be advanced to the Llandudno Urban District Council and debentures sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by that Council on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 26th March last		£25,309 1
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Received since that date (including Loans, £1,200)		<u>5,553 18 7</u>
		30,863 0 6
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £6000)		<u>24,057 6 2</u>
	In hand	£ 6,805 14 4
being General Accounts	£3852 19 1	
Sinking Funds	2515 16 9	
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>436 18 6</u>	
	£6805 14 4	

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham

**At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th May, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE  
JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BARER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM  
GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL  
ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEMJAMES  
STEWART HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM

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1—Apology—An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Wood.

2—Territorials—Sunday Musketry—The Mayor stated that the Military Authorities had under consideration the question whether Sunday Musketry should be allowed and he had been requested to ascertain the opinion of the Town Council as to the local feeling on the matter. If Sunday Musketry were allowed, the following points would be strictly adhered to :

(1) The Practice to be entirely voluntary and no pressure of any kind to be brought to bear on the men in order to induce them to attend.

(2) Only the prescribed musketry course to be fired and no shooting matches of any kind to be allowed. Resolved, That the consideration of the question be adjourned.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 1st and 29th April last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

4--Employees Outing Committee—It was Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed the Employees Outing Committee for the ensuing year, namely : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker and Bendall.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 22nd April last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th April last, be approved and confirmed

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last be approved and confirmed.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

10—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th April last be approved and confirmed.

12—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th April last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th April last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

16—Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association—The motion of which notice had been given) by Councillor Green was not moved by him.

17—Notice of Motion—Councillor Hanson Powell gave Notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—"That the whole of the materials required by the Electricity Department, with the exception of patent or proprietary articles, shall from time to time be purchased by public contract, advertised annually, as is the case in other departments of the Corporation."

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18—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the following be referred to the undermentioned Committees, viz :—

Memorial from Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. Ltd., and others re Heavy Locomotive Traffic in High Street.

To the Street and Highway Committee.

Letter from the Acting Chairman, Ratepayers' Association re free use of Supper Room for Meeting on 23rd May inst.

To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 7th May, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the Chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER WILLIAM GEORGE EARENCEY PERCY HADDOCK WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM

1—Order for Borough Rate—Resolved, THAT it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882,

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or otherwise by law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of £28,500 will in addition to the Borough Fund be sufficient for those purposes, including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act for the period ending on the 31st March next. IT IS ORDERED by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the property rateable to the poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed, and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough, and the rateable value of the property lying therein, the said sum of £28,500. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rates made and collected, or to be made and collected, within the said Parish. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say, by eight instalments, viz :—£3,000 forth-with, £4,000 on or before the 20th day of June next, £3,000 on or before the 20th day of July next, £4,250 on or before the 20th day of August next, £3,000 on or before the 20th day of October next, £4,000 on or before the 20th day of November next, £3,000 on or before the 20th day of December next, and £4,250 on or before the 20th day of January next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough, at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, THAT a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Three Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith and the other moiety or half part thereto, to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.  
Mayor.

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#### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd June, 1912.**

#### **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1912.** Present: The Mayor (in the chair), Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham,

Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Bendall, Earengy. Green, Haddock, Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham.

1—Borough Engineer—An application from Mr. J. S. Pickering, for an increase of salary was considered. His present salary was £375 as Borough Engineer, and as Water Engineer, and he pointed out that in most towns of similar size to Cheltenham these appointments were held by separate Engineers at much greater cost for their services. He also pointed out that since his appointment he had prepared schemes for and carried out engineering works amounting to £86,000 which included over £32,000 in connection with the Water Undertaking, and he had now in hand Water Purification Works at Tewkesbury amounting to over £5,000. He thought that all these special engineering works could hardly be regarded as coining within the ordinary duties of an Engineer at the salary above-mentioned. If an outside Engineer had been engaged his commission would have exceeded £5,000. He also mentioned that he had at his own expense subscribed to and attended meetings of the Municipal Water Engineers and other Engineering Institutions to keep himself conversant with the latest information on engineering matters and his out of pocket expenses for these purposes had amounted to over £40 a year. The Water Under-taking comprised five different sources of supply which entailed considerable work and responsibility on the Engineer.

Resolved, unanimously, That the sum of £300 be paid to Mr. Pickering out of the surplus revenue of the Water Under-taking for the special works carried out by him.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

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#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th May, 1912**—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 14 Bloomsbury Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 47 Queen, Street & 6 Hunger ford Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 14 and 15 St. Paul's Street, S., 24 Great Norwood Street, Fir Tree Cottage, Swindon Road, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Bloomsbury Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Sydenham House and Nashville, Hale's Road, and 14, Sandford Street.— The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Bloomsbury Street, Cox's Cottages, Alstone, 43, Upper Norwood Street, Fir Tree Cottage, Swindon Road, Llewellyn Cottages, and Pear Tree Cottage, Sherborne Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation.-4, 5 and 6, Hereford Place.—.With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owners of 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Place of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. Mr. Arthur Hill, on behalf of the owners of 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Place, attended the Meeting and admitted that the houses were at present unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council after hearing the evidence as to their condition that the above-mentioned dwelling-houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that notice of such Order be given to the owners.

212 High Street—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of No. 212 High Street. The owner did not attend the Committee but a letter was read from him intimating that he was having the property put into a proper state of repair so as to make the same fit for human habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Above' mentioned dwelling-house is in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 26th ultimo, the following meat was surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food, viz :—Carcase and offal of a sheep, 4 pieces of beef and the carcase and offal of a pork pig (Total weight, 390 lbs.)

8—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms' Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 13th instant was 18 horses (not including 6 at the Depot), 123 head of cattle, 281 sheep and 3 pigs all doing very well. Since the last meeting, 29 head of cattle had been purchased for £310 17s. 6d. and 60 sheep for £108. (Total purchases, £418 17s. 6d.) 2 foals and a calf had been bred on the Farms. 17 head of cattle including 4 calves had been sold for £220 9s. 7d., 1 teg for £1 10s. 0d. and one sheep skin (carcase buried) 4s (Total sales £222 3s. 7d.) £42 8s. 4d. had been received for mangolds sold.

He recommended that 3 new ladders (2 short and 1 long) and also 6 hay forks, 6 rakes and 3 or 4 wagon ropes for haymaking should be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and the Manager authorised accordingly.

New Trolley—The Sub-Committee considered the following tenders received for supplying a new trolley :—

Gloucester Carriage, &c., Co. ...	£36 10 0
J. H. Tombs	33 0 0
J. E. Davis	40 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of the Gloucester Carriage Co. be accepted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Sandfield Estate—Resolved, That a Joint Meeting of this Committee and the Water Committee be held on the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m., to consider the application of Mr. F. E. Jenkins, for extensions of the water main and sewer.

10—Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That Councillors Hanson Powell, Steel and Stewart be appointed with three representatives of the Street and Highway Committee, a Sub-Committee to revise the Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th May, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees-Jones, Steel, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).



11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no Proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-10, 25, 28, 31, 34, 39, 41 & 44 Bloomsbury Street, and 17 & 60 Duke Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12—Overcrowding at 5 Brunswick Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

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13—Cleansing and Limewashing at 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16 & 17 Bloomsbury Street, and 12, Warwick Place. —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 5 and 6, Brunswick Terrace, Brunswick Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property-5 and 6, Brunswick Terrace, 9, 14, 18, 23, 26, 31, 32 and 34, Bloomsbury Street. —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road.—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling-houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

17—Destruction of Diseased Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th instant and following days, 2 tons, 14 cwts., 2 qrs. of unsound potatoes were surrendered as unfit for

human food. The best of the potatoes were picked out and boiled for pig food and the remainder were destroyed.

18—Tuberculosis—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes and also enclosing an Interim Report of the Departmental Committee, on Tuberculosis. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND WATER COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING).**

**At a Joint Meeting of the above Committees held on Thursday, the 23rd May, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Earengy, Green, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Sandfield Estate—Mr. F. E. Jenkins attended the Meeting with reference to his application for the extension of the sewers and water main to the Sandfield Building Estate. Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Merrett and Wood be appointed a Sub-Committee to further consider the matter and report to the Joint Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Tuesday, the 14th May, 1912.** Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Cartridges in Ashbin—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 2nd inst., 66 live cartridges had been placed amongst the refuse in the ashbin at St. Ives, Church Road, Leckhampton. The attention of the occupier had been called to this and a letter was read stating that the cartridges had been thrown out with some other things and expressing regret at the occurrence.

2—Horse Shoeing—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders, received for shoeing the Corporation horses, viz :—

Name	Per set of 4 shoes per each.	Nailing on but excluding shoes per horse.	Stud Holes per set per horse.	Frost Nails per gross.	Studs
T. J. Brain (Veterinary Surgeon), St. George's Place	4s	6d.	1s 6d	1s	4s-
R. J. Isaac (Forge), Bath Road		4s 2 ¼ d.	1s 4d	1s	6s 6d
C. Parsons (Veterinary Surgeon), Albion Street	4s	3d.	1s	1s 4d	4s
T. Mullen (Forge), Milsom Street		3s 6d 6d.	1s	1s	12s

F. W. Sumner (Forge), Andover Road	3s	3d.	1s 6d	9d.	5s 6d
G. Chick (Forge), Fairview Road	3s	6d.	1s	9d.	4s

Resolved, That the tenders of Messrs. F. W. Sumner and G. Chick be accepted and that it be left to the Borough Surveyor to divide the work between them as may be found most convenient.

3—Coal Supply—Read, a letter from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., stating that they were unable to enter into the Contract for the supply of Slack Coal required for the Baths at the price quoted in their tender, viz :-11s 9d, but that they could supply this at 13s 3d a ton. They were prepared to enter into the Contract to supply the other coals at the prices quoted in their tender. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for fresh tenders for the Coal required for all the Departments for the 12 months ending the 30th June, 1913, and that the Council be asked to empower this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

4—Paying of Cabstands—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the Cabstand in Crescent Terrace paved with concrete and granite slabs and that this method appeared to be quite as satisfactory as paving with granite setts. If the former method was used for all the cabstands required to be repaved, the cost would be £74 instead of £131. Resolved, That stands be paved with concrete and granite slabs.

5—Workmen's Wages—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Master Builders' Association, stating that it had been agreed between that Association and the Cheltenham Building Trades Joint Committee that the following workmen shall receive as from the 1st inst., the following increase of wages:— $\frac{1}{4}$  d. an hour to Carpenters, Woodworking Machinists, Bricklayers, Plumbers and Painters.  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. an hour to Plasterers, Labourers, Drainers when laying drains, Scaffolders and Stone Sawyers. Drainers when laying drains, Scaffolders and Stone Sawyers to be paid a further increase of d. making 6d. per hour when a full day has been worked in performing the above work.

6—Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Promenade roadway would require attention very shortly and asked for instructions whether it was intended to pave the roadway with wood blocks from the Colonnade to St. George's Road, which he estimated would cost £3750. Resolved, That the roadway be re-macadamised.

7—Telephone Pole in Leckhampton Lane—With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, Read, a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, asking the Corporation to waive the condition requiring the two poles to be erected in Leckhampton Road to be painted, and to allow creosoted poles fitted with painted logging for 6 feet from the ground to be used, Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

8—Byelaws—Read, a letter from Col. Beale, asking the Council to make byelaws prohibiting (1) the passage through the streets of the Borough of motor traction of such weight and speed as to cause vibration to any house ; (2) the side walks of the town being used as spittoons and receptacles for rubbish ; (3) Vocal and instrumental music except at appointed places ; and (4) all unlicensed hawkers and (5) to provide for the numbering of all streets and houses in the Borough.

9—Heavy Locomotive Traffic in High Street—Read, a Memorial from Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co., Ltd. and others asking the Council to restrict heavy locomotive traffic in the lower High Street and to prohibit such traffic in the portion of High Street between St. George's Street and North Street. The Town Clerk reported that under the existing Byelaws heavy locomotives were prohibited on the High Street (St. George's Street to Hale's Road) and the Colonnade and Promenade (from High Street to Montpellier Rotunda) except that as to the portion of High Street between North Street and St. George's Street, and between Hale's Road and Hewlett Street, traction engines were allowed between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that it is not advisable to make further byelaws restricting the through traffic, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of locomotives in the town and district asking them to refrain from passing along the High Street as much possible.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th May, 1912.** Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th April to the 23rd May, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Andover Road (2000 square yards), Lane rear of Hungerford Street (4,200 square yards).

Roads Patched—Albany Road, Alexander Street, Andover Road, Bath Road, Dagmar Road, Hatherley Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Walk, Oakfield Street, Princes Road, St. Stephen's Road and Suffolk Square, Electricity Trenches repaired—All Saints' Road, Bath Parade, Hewlett Road, London Road, Montpellier Spa Road, Promenade, St. George's Road, Sydenham Road N., and Tivoli Buildings.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Cemetery Road, Hale's Road, Harp Hill, Hewlett Street, Trinity Church Lane, and Trinity School Lane. Footpaths gravelled—Hatherley Road (300 super yards).

Paving repaired—Andover Road, Bath Road, Bath Terrace, Granville Street, Grove Street, Henrietta Street, High Street, Marle Hill Road, North Place, Regent Street, Swindon Street and Wellington Square.

Asphalt Footpaths repaired—Rear of Montpellier Terrace (66 square yards), Northfield Passage, and Wellington Square (600 square yards). Private Improvement Works—Casino Place (completed), and Lane at west rear of Great Norwood Street (proceeding). New Gateway Crossing-1. Street Crossing repaired-1.

New Galley fixed-1. Manhole Covers renewed-2. Trees pruned—Hatherley Road, Promenade and St. Stephen's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 16th May, 1912-845 loads collected, 843 consumed, and 2 tipped away. Weight consumed—893 tons, 12 cwts. 1 qr.

Steam generated—Hourly average 6552 lbs. Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 16th May, 1912-4,176 lineal feet of kerbs made.

11—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

12—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 14th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

13—Slab Factory—Resolved, That the price charged for Slabs be reduced from 2s 9d to 2s 6d.

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14—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. H. Higgins Co., Ltd., for permission to place a Pawnbroker's Sign outside No. 313 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the sign not projecting more than 3 feet and not being less than 15 feet above the pavement.

15—Direction Plate, Queen's Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a direction plate with the words " To the Midland Station " placed in Queen's Road at its junction with Lansdown Road.

16—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—St. Paul's Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in this street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost including supervision of £97 0s. 9d. and this sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notice of the same and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting Owners,

17—Private Improvement Works—Albion Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above Street. Resolved, That the same be approved ; and that Notice be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining. or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

18—Institute of Cleansing Superintendents—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Institute of Cleansing Superintendents inviting the Council to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings to be held at Manchester on the 16th to the 19th July next. Resolved, That no Delegates be appointed.

19—Fairhaven Street—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary Notice declaring Fairhaven Street to be a Highway.

20—Arle Road (Alstone Avenue to Alstone Croft) Private Improvement Works—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Wride, asking to be relieved from carrying out private improvement works in respect of his property, Hazledene, Alstone Avenue, which abutted on Arle Road, but had no entrance thereto. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

21—Dangerous Building, Fauconberg Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that this building was in a ruinous state and dangerous to passengers. The cornices and parapet were badly cracked and portions were frequently falling into the street and the Verandah had parted from the front wall. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 75 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, and that proceedings be taken under that Section if necessary to have the premises repaired and made secure.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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#### PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1078	A. Page	2 Semi-detached Houses in Road off Swindon Road, near Malvern Street (amended plans).
1081	G. Dimmer	Additions to No. 1a Bayshill Villas, St. George's Road (amended plans).
1084	Cheltenham Newspaper Co., Ltd.	Temporary Store Shed, Post Office Lane.
1085	A. J. Barker	4 semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
1086	C. M. Haward	New Bathroom, Bedford Villa, Park Place.
1087	G. Grant	New Greenhouse, Inkerman Gardens, Lansdown.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1081, 1085 and 1087 be approved, that Plans No. 1084 be approved as a Temporary Building subject to the usual Agreement to remove the same on 3 months' notice being entered into, that Plans No. 1086 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 1078 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th May, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillors Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1088	W. Hewitt	New Scullery to 9 Great Norwood Street.
1089	Mrs. G. M. Bayley	New Bathroom to Ellenboro' House, Oriel Road.

Resolved, That the plans be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

The Building Inspector reported that a wooden building was being erected at Rossmund Lawn, Sydenham Road, without plans having been deposited. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner requiring him to show cause why the building should not be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1912—**Present : Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Bandstands at Montpellier Gardens and Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that the floors of the Bandstands at the Montpellier Gardens and Marle Hill Annexe were unsafe and that he had had the necessary repairs carried out. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

2—Constable and Park Keeper, Pittville Estate—The Committee further considered the question of appointing a Park-keeper and Constable on the Pittville Estate. The Borough Surveyor reported that this work had been done by the men employed at the Gardens, but that one of the Gardeners (Oliver) who had been ill for the past 6 months would be unable to return to work, and he recommended in view of the damage done to the Shrubs, that instead of engaging another gardener, a constable and park-keeper should be appointed. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that Mr. Henry Sansom, an ex-Sergeant of the Police, be appointed Constable and Park-keeper on the Pittville Estate, at 23s a week and that he be provided with uniform. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Chief Constable for Mr. Sansom to be appointed an additional Constable.

3—Band on Whit Monday—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Bandstand on Whit Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a charge of £3.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th May, 1912.**—Present: Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1--Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 16th inst. showed 35 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for illuminating power on the 26th inst. showed 15.3 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement in the "Colliery Guardian," and the "Gloucestershire Echo" for a twelve months' supply of Coal for the Electricity Works.

4—Tenders for Arc Lamp Carbons and Meters—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for a twelve months' supply of Arc Lamp Carbons and Meters for consideration at the next Monthly Meeting.

5—Sub-Stations—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for carrying out the alterations and additions to the Cambray and High Street Sub-Stations approved at the last Meeting.

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6—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for an extension of the main to supply Bryntirion, Gloucester Road, which would cost £22 10s He recommended that this be carried out, subject to a guarantee being given of a return of £7 10s per annum for 3 years. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to this guarantee being given.

An application was also received for a supply to Morecambe, Sydenham Road. The cost of the extension would be about £22. Another house would take a supply later which could be supplied from the same main. Resolved, That the extension be made.

Applications were also received for a supply to the Railway Inn, Tewkesbury Road and to the Swift Meat Co., Henrietta Street. The extensions would cost £33. Both applicants were willing to give the necessary guarantees. Resolved, That the extensions be made.



The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for supply to Aubervie, Pittville. Resolved, That application be made under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, the Local Authority for the District, and to the Board of Trade, for consent to the Corporation supplying the premises.

7—Application Form—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a new supply of Application Forms was required and he submitted a revised form for approval. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8--Extension of Area of Supply—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Trade had now issued a Provisional Order extending the Electricity Area so as to include the whole of the Parishes of Prestbury and Leckhampton. Under the Order a main was required to be laid within two years from the date of the Order, along the Prestbury Road to the end of High Street, Prestbury, at an estimated cost of £790, and also from the Borough Boundary along Leckhampton Road to Hill Grange, at an estimated cost of £250. The Order also contained a Clause providing that the charges for supply in the two added Parishes should not exceed the charges for the time being made in the Borough, and also a Clause enabling the Cheltenham Rural District Council to purchase the portion of the Undertaking in their District at the expiration of ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty years from the commencement of the Order.

9—Promenade Gas Lamps—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Gas Company for the removal of the gas lamps between No. 14 Promenade, and the Imperial Rooms.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd May, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor. Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 21 <sup>st</sup> May., 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	280,000 gallons	235,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	513,000 “	539,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>109,000</u> “	<u>91,000</u> “
Total	902,000 “	855,000 “

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		21 <sup>st</sup> May., 1912			21 <sup>st</sup> May., 1911
	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
Hewletts		22,504,000 gallons			18,780,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 3in.	85,843,000 "		27 ft. 11in.	79,285,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,620,000</u> "		10ft. 2in.	<u>1,372,000</u> "
		109,967,000 "			99,437,000 "

Pumping had commenced at Sandford, on the 13th inst.

2—Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer reported that the Gas Company required a supply of water for their new works and that it would be necessary to extend the main along Six Chimneys Lane at an estimated cost of £46. Resolved, That the extension be made.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st May, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Rogers, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals' Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 7th inst., at Arle Farm. 2 pigs had died and 92 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. All the pigs had been purchased within the past three months and the outbreak could not be accounted for. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1912—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, enclosing copies of the American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1912. The Order prohibited the sale of diseased gooseberries and provided for the cleansing of packages containing diseased fruit, &c. The Board asked that Inspectors should be appointed to execute and enforce the Order, and that the Order should be published in the District. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order by means of posters and handbills, and that Superintendent Hopkins and the Chief and Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances be appointed Inspectors under the Order, the former to inspect the Fruit Gardens and the latter the Fruit Shops.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the past month.

Fire Hose—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 500 feet of best fire hose at 9d. per lineal foot.

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4—Police Sub-Stations—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the St. Mark's Police Sub-Station had been removed from Lyntonville to 1 Garfield Villas, Gloucester Road, and asked for permission to have the telephone transferred to the new address. He also reported that a new Police Sub-Station had been opened at 4 Albert Place, Pittville and asked for this to be connected by telephone with the Central Station. Resolved, That the permission be granted.

5—Cinematograph Licences—Read, applications from Messrs. C. G. Smith, L. Schlentheim, and E. B. Shenton, for the renewal of their Cinematograph Licences for the Winter Garden, Albert Hall, and Victoria Rooms, respectively. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year from the 6th proximo, subject as to the Victoria Rooms to the alterations to the exits, &c., being completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, before the licence is issued.

6—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd.,- applying for a licence to store 200 gallons of Petroleum at premises in Spa Road recently occupied by Messrs. Meats & CO. The Inspector reported that the premises were suitable. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

7—Fruit Market—With reference to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the additional accommodation required at the Fruit Market for the storage of fruit pots which he estimated could be provided at a cost of £37 15s. 10d. Resolved, That Mr. Castle be informed that the Committee are prepared to provide the additional accommodation if he is willing to increase the rent for the Market from £40 to £45 per annum.

8—Municipal Offices—Read, a letter from Mr. H. A. Webb, offering a site for Municipal Offices, in Regent Street, for £3000.

9—Badminton—The Chairman reported that the Cheltenham Badminton Clubs would very shortly require a building in which to play, owing to the Drill Hall having been sold, and he suggested that if the Alstone Swimming Bath were covered in this would be a suitable place for the Club. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for consideration.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th May, 1912.** Present—Aldermen, Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillors Green and Steel (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1087 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th April last, and that 258 Catalogues had been sold.

The following gifts had been received:—

Rev. Clarke, London.—Cheltenham Tradesman's Token inscribed, " William Bastin, 1811," value one shilling.

Miss E. Platt, Glenfall Terrace,—Several Carboniferous Fossils for the Museum.

Mr. W. B. Coopey.—A fragment of Roman Pottery dug up in Badgeworth Churchyard.

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The Executors of the late Mrs. Bain.—A large photograph of the late Dr. Walker, Rector of Cheltenham, 1857-72. Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell had lent a Collection of Egyptian, Greek and Roman Bronzes for the Museum, and also specimens of Greek and Roman Pottery which were being arranged in cases in the Decorative Art Room.

Mr. A. Davies had lent a portrait painted by himself of Cation Griffiths, Vicar of St. Mark's, 1863-1910.

A portrait of the Rev. Dr. Walker, lent temporarily by the General Purposes Committee, had been placed in the Gallery. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Donors and Lenders.

2-Annual Report—The Curator laid before the Committee his Annual Report. Resolved, That he be authorised to have this printed with the Report of the Public Library Committee, the cost of the Report to be divided between the two Committees.

3—Museums Association—Read, a letter from the Museums Association inviting the Committee to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference to be held at Dublin from the 8th to 12th July. Resolved, That no delegate be appointed.

4—Autumn Exhibition—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to go to London to visit the Royal Academy for the purpose of selecting a collection of pictures for the Autumn Exhibition.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th May, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Blakeney, Merrett, Sawyer, and Stewart (Councillor Blakeney in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths

during April, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	31 10 2	Expenses ... ..	29 11 4
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>44 1 8</u>
	£31 10 2		£73 16 0

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2—Alstone Baths, The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths during April, 1912, were as follows :—

Receipts	£29 9 1	Expenses	£32 4 3
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>27 18 4</u>
	£29 9 1		£60 2 7

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold during April last was 1191, as compared with 965 for the month of April, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during April was 231, as compared with 300 for the corresponding month of last year.

Pumping out Mineral Water Wells—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the pumping to test the yield of wells near Fieldholme, St. Florence, and Fulshaw Lodge. Resolved, That the pumping be discontinued and that the report of the Borough Surveyor be referred to the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for consideration.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the swings at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground were unsafe. Resolved, That a new set of two swings be provided.

5—Grove Street Recreation Ground—Superintendent Hopkins reported that he had given instructions to the Constables on the beat and the visiting Sergeants to keep this Ground under observation as much as possible with a view to preventing the nuisances complained of.

J. H. BLAKENEY, Chairman.

#### BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th May, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham, (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee inspected the Cemetery. Resolved, (1) That the spouting round the Chapel and the iron railings and door leading to the stoke-hole, and also the shelter near the Chapel be repainted, and (2) That a dead tree in one of the walks be removed.

2—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., calling attention to the condition of the stone and iron railings round the grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell, one of the two graves which the Corporation had undertaken to maintain. Resolved, That the stone be cleaned and the iron railings painted. Resolved, also, That the tree overhanging the grave be removed.

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3—Grave of Miss Best—Read, a letter from Miss Best, complaining of the damage done to the stone on the grave purchased by her by the adjoining trees, and asking that the same might be removed. The Committee inspected the grave and failed to find any marks of discoloration or damage to the stone. Resolved, That Miss Best be asked to point out to the Superintendent the trees which she considers overhang or damage the stone.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th May, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

4—Bedding-out Plants—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor, be instructed to supply the usual quantity of bedding plants at a cost of £5.

5—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell—The Tenders (4) received for cleaning the stone, and painting the iron railings round this grave were considered. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Gilbert Boulton & Co. (the lowest) of £1 10- be accepted.

6—Land adjoining Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that the piece of land now occupied by him as a garden ground would shortly be required for burial purposes and he suggested that in lieu of this he should be allowed the use of half the piece of land adjoining the Cemetery Lodge now rented by Mr. C. Webb, at £6 per annum. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Webb was willing to give up half the land as from the 29th September, and to continue his tenancy of the remainder at a rental of £3 per annum. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange with Mr. Webb accordingly.

7—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Headstones to graves of Thomas Lusty and Ann Robins. Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth McMunn. Memorial Cross to grave of Bessie Hancock.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1912**—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Candle, W. Cresswell, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £3 18s. 1d.  
Presentations—Miss Heming (2 vols.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1332, a decrease of 352 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,117, a decrease of 2,089.

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended :

- (1) That the following Magazines and Newspapers, offered by the Publishers, be accepted :—The Theosophist, Modern Astrology, The Clarion, and Justice.
- (2) That the Arena, published at 11s per month, and Ross's Parliamentary Record, at 30s per Session, be not purchased.
- (3) That the Poster and Leaflets of the National Health Insurance Commission be not accepted for exhibition in the Library.
- (4) That permission be given for the Local Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to place a poster in the Library for a short time.
- (5) That 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed.
- (6) That the Librarian be authorised to go to London to select new books to the amount of about £20.
- (7) That the salaries of Messrs. A. C. Dunn and C. H. Pritchard, Senior Assistants, be advanced from 27s 6d to 30s, and 23s 6d to 26s per week, respectively.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted except that permission be granted for the leaflets from the National Health Insurance Commission to be placed in the Library, but that neither the posters of the Lifeboat Institution or the National Insurance Commission be accepted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th May, 1912.** Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, and Wilkins (Councillor Rees Jones in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 28th instant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £3,605 16s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £20889 10s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next was read. Amount collected £2879 3s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £9663 14s. 6d.

3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200 and £500 on loan at 3 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> per cent. Resolved, That a debenture for £200 on account of the Waterworks Loan (£10,000) and a debenture for £504 on account of the Electric Lighting Loan (£23,355) be sealed and issued accordingly.,

4 — Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Meeting of the Institute to be held at Cardiff, on the 4th, 5th and 6th July. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to attend the Meeting.

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5—Education—Imperial Exchequer Contribution—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Warrington, enclosing copies of Resolutions passed by his Council with reference to the grant from the Imperial Exchequer towards the cost of Education and asking the Corporation to pass similar resolutions. Resolved, (1), That this Council respectfully urges upon His Majesty's Government that in view of the growing increase in the cost of Education, a more adequate contribution should be made from the Imperial Exchequer.

(2) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and the Presidents of the Local Government Board and Board of Education with a request that the contributions from Imperial and Local Funds be immediately considered with a view to an increased grant being made to Local Education Authorities.

6—Loan for New Domestic Science Centres—On the recommendation of the Education, Committee—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £2415 for the establishment of Now Domestic Science Centres in connection with the Elementary Schools made up as follows :

Purchase of Marlborough House ...	£450 0 0
Alterations to ditto	£450 0 0
New Building at Gloucester Road Schools ..	£700 0 0
Do. Naunton Park Schools ...	£700 0 0
5 per cent, for Contingencies	<u>£115 0 0</u>
	£2415 0 0



7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 30th April last		£ 6,805 14 4
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £3,700)		<u>13,361 18 5</u>
		£20,167 12 9
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid £2000 and Investment of Electric Lighting Reserve, £3000)		<u>£13,339 10 8</u>
	In hand	£6,828 2 1
being General Accounts	£3555 11 9	
Sinking Funds	2845 11 10	
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>426 18 6</u>	
	£6828 2 1	

THOS. REES JONES, Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd June, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD THOMAS VVILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 6th and 7th May last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Council in Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Council in Committee, at their Meeting of the 6th May last, re Borough Engineer's Salary, be approved and confirmed.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 28th May last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Committee be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender for the supply of Coal for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1913.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd May last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That Minute No. 2 (Constable and Park Keeper, Pittville Estate) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th May last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd May last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes and Watch Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :—That Minute No. 7 (Fruit Market) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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9—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. John James Cypher and Francis John Cypher, of Queen's Road Nurseries, Percy Charles Arthur Wiggall, and Percy Sidney Wiggall, of 58 High Street, George Edward Pates, of Imperial Nurseries, and William Yates, of 432 High Street, for the renewal of their Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for one year from the 6th June instant be granted.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th May, last be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th May last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 24th May last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of, the 14th May last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That Minute No. 6 (Loan for New Domestic Science Centres) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15—Notice of Motion—Councillor Hanson Powell gave Notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

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" That the whole of the materials required by the Electricity Department, with the exception of patent or proprietary articles, shall from time to time be purchased by public contract, advertised annually, as is the case in other departments of the Corporation."  
Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Central Depot, St. James' Square, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1912, at 10.30 a.m. Present :**

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BEN DALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY EDWIN SON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Mayor, Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Drivers—The Council granted the renewal of 68 one-horse fly licences, 1 char-a-banc licence, 13 pony carriage licences, 15 wheel-chair licences, and 109 drivers' licences. The fees received amounted to £27 12s

Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st July, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th June, 1912**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 18, Commercial Street, 5, Duke Street, 8, St. George's Street, 9, Montpellier Retreat, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9, St. Georges' Avenue, and West Cottage, St. George's Avenue, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 3 Exmouth Court—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved. That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 9, St. Philip's Street, 1, 2 and 5 Fairfield Avenue, 5, Duke Street, 8 St. George's Street, 1 & 2 St. George's Retreat, 2 Montpellier Retreat, 3 St. George's Terrace and 44 Montpellier Villas.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 26, Hatherley Street, 12, Tivoli Street and 9, Hatherley The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property--9, St. Philip's Street, 5, Fairfield Avenue, 5, Duke Street, 8, St. George's Street, 1 and 2 Montpellier Retreat, 1 and 2 St. George's Retreat, 3, St. George's Terrace, and Rutland House, Swindon Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section' 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Premises without W.C. Accommodation-9, Promenade Villas—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient Water Closet.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—1 & 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of Nos. 1 and 2 Eaton Cottages, Bath Road. Mr. Rowlands attended on behalf of his mother, the owner, and stated that it was not intended to use No. 1 Eaton Cottages again for human habitation, but that the owner was willing to carry out the necessary works to No. 2 Eaton Cottages to make the same fit for human habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an order be now made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

8—Offensive Trade—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had confirmed the Order made by the Council under Section 51 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, declaring the trade of a dealer in raw hides and skins within the Borough to be an offensive trade and that he had published the necessary notices in the local press and the " London Gazette " as directed by the Order.

Read, a Memorial from Mr. C. O. Fowles, and others complaining of the nuisance caused by the Hide and Skin business carried on in Gloucester Place. Resolved, That a copy of the memorial be forwarded to the proprietors, Messrs. A. H. Taylor's, Butchers Hide & Skin Co., Ltd.

9—Want of Urinal Accommodation—Read, a letter from Messrs. Bourne Bros., enclosing a plan of the urinal proposed to be erected by Messrs. J. Dobell & Co., Ltd., in connection with their licensed premises in County Court Road, as required by the notice served upon them, and stating that Messrs.. Dobell were willing for the convenience to be used as a " public convenience " if the Corporation would provide water, light, and cleansing free of charge. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the electric light and water fittings being provided by Messrs. Dobell & Co., and to the urinal being erected to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

**10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant, (Present—Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farm Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 10th instant, was 22 horses (not including 5 at Depot), 157 head of cattle, 304 sheep and 12 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 53 head of cattle had been purchased for £533 9s. 0d., 4 cart colts for £80, and 86 sheep for £150 10s (Total purchases, £763 19s. 0d.) 16 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been sold for £226 18s. 9d., 61 sheep for £132 15s. 11d. and 1 cart horse for £60. (Total sales £419 14s. 8d.) A plot of cabbages had been sold for £5, a poplar tree for £2 and a quantity of hay for £6 11s. 6d. He recommended that a portable furnace be provided for the cottages at Hayden, and that a partition be put up in the bedroom of the cottage lately occupied by Haggard. Resolved, That the Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for the portable furnace and that it be left to the Chairman and the Manager to decide as to the partition. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th June, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-4, 8, 10 and 11, Stoneville Street, and 18, Commercial Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Fir Tree Cottage, Swindon Road, 2, Exmouth Terrace, 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11, Stoneville Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed..

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 32a, Victoria Place, Napier House, Regent Street, and Herbert Cottage, Essex Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property—1, 4, 7, 8 and 9 Stoneville Street, 2 Exmouth Terrace, 1 and 6 Barnes Yard, Grove Street and 18 Commercial Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, defective floors, spouting, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Alice Tow, of Hinckley Cottage, New Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

17—Destruction of Diseased Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th instant, 98 lbs. of cod fish were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food.

18—Offensive Trade—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Butchers Hide, Skin & Wool Co., of Birmingham, were carrying on the business of a Fellmonger or Dealer in raw hides and skins at premises in the Nags Head Yard without the consent of the Corporation having been obtained. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties.

Read, a letter from Mr. A. H. Taylor, with reference to the Memorial complaining of the nuisance caused by the Hide and Skin business carried on at No. 34 Gloucester Place, stating that every endeavour would be made to carry out the business in the best possible manner to prevent any nuisance being caused and that he was always willing to carry out any suggestions made to him for improvements.

19—Rag Flock Act, 1911—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing copy of an Order made under Section 1 (1) of the Rag Flock Act, 1911, prescribing a standard of cleanliness, which would come into force on the 1st proximo.

20—Culvert at Fiddler's Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that the culvert over the Hatherley Brook in Fiddler's Green Lane had collapsed. On examination it was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition and he was having the culvert rebuilt. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

## **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, the 31st May, 1912.** Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Hired Horses—The Committee met at the Central Depot and inspected the horses hired by the Corporation in connection with the Ashes Collection, &c.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1912.** Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—Cleeve View Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. A. S. Barradell, and W. Powell, asking the Corporation to take over Cleeve View Road. The Town Clerk reported that all the private improvement expenses in respect of this road had been paid, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given declaring the street to be a Highway.

3—Promenade—The Committee further considered the question of paving the Promenade from the Colonnade to St. George's Road, with wood blocks. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceeding on the 14th May last be rescinded and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £3750 for the wood paving.

4—Albion Street Private Improvement Works—Read, a letter from Mrs. Maule, asking to be relieved from carrying out the private works in Albion Street opposite Albert House. Resolved, That Mrs. Maule be informed that the Committee are willing to do this if she is willing to give up the strip of land required to be paved so that the same may become part of the public footpath.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th June, 1912.** Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillor, hiker, Bendall, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Be Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th May to the 20th June, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Readings Road (:3078 square yards), St. George's Road (200 square yards), Grosvenor Street (280 square yards), Grosvenor Place South (1,300 square yards), Leckhampton Road and Montpellier Street proceeding.



Roads Patched—St. George's Street, Swindon Road, Winchcomb Street, Prestbury Road, Pittville Circus, Leamington Place, All Saints' Road, Hewlett Street, Montpellier Walk, Promenade, Lansdown Road and Gloucester Road.

Electricity Trenches repaired—High Street, Pittville Street, Evesham Road, Cambray, St. George's Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street and Tewkesbury Road. Roads Tar painted—Lansdown Place (9422 square yards), Lansdown Road (13,385 square yards), Queens Road (10,132 square yards). Paving repaired—Townsend Street, Tivoli Street, Andover Road, Western Road, All Saints' Road, Winstonian Road, Gloucester Road, Queen's Circus, Oriel Road, Moorend Street, and Christ Church Road.

Channelling repaired—Rodney Road, Winstonian Road, Bays Hill Road, Naunton Lane and rear of Montpellier Terrace. New Clinker Footpaths made—Reddings Road (1,509 square yards);

Asphalt Footpaths repaired—Rear of Montpellier Terrace. Crossings repaired-3. Manholes paved round-2. Trees pruned—Gloucester Road, Cemetery Road, Promenade, Alstone Avenue, King's Road and St. George's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 13th June, 1912—809 loads collected, 795 consumed, and 14 tipped away. Weight consumed-823 tons, 1 ½ cwts. Steam generated—Hourly average 6936 lbs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 13th June, 1912-1,140 lineal feet of kerbing and 870 feet of channelling made.

**6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

**7—Tenders for Coal**—The Committee considered the tenders (9) received for the supply of coal for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1913. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, viz : Slack Coal—Alstone Baths, Chas. Cooke, 12s 6d per ton ; Montpellier Baths, Pates & Co., 12s 5d per ton ; Fire Engine, A. H. Nott, 31s per ton ; Sandford, Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., 12s 6d per ton ; Pittville, H. Jordan & Co., 13s per ton. Household Coals—Abattoir, H. Jordan & Co., 19s 6d per ton ; Municipal Offices, &c., Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., 17s 10d per ton.

**8—Annual Meeting of Municipal and County Engineers**—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal and County Engineers to be held in London, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th July next.

**9—Telephone Poles, Leckhampton Lane**—Read, a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, stating that the Post Master General could not agree to paint the telephone poles proposed to be erected in Leckhampton Lane and asking the Committee to reconsider the matter with a view to giving permission for creosoted poles with painted lagging, 5 or 6 feet high, being

used Resolved, That creosoted poles with painted lagging be allowed as suggested and that the resolution to Minute No. 7 at the meeting of this Committee on the 14th ultimo be rescinded.

10—Town Planning Conference—Read, a letter from the Secretary, National Housing and Town Planning Council, asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend a Conference to be held at Liverpool and other places from the 30th August to the 7th September. Resolved, That no delegate be appointed.

11—Trees opposite Nos. 14 to 34 Promenade—Read, a memorial from Mr. A. Hyatt and others asking that the trees opposite Nos. 14 to 34 Promenade should be thinned out. Resolved, That the memorial be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

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12—Swindon Place East Private Improvement Works—Read, an application from Messrs. Brookes & Badham, on behalf of Mrs. Procter, the owner of property in Swindon Place East, asking the Corporation to repair the passage instead of carrying out the whole of the private improvement works set out in the Specification attached to the notice, as their client was only a life tenant of the property. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

13—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. H. Butler, expressing the thanks of the residents at the Reddings for the repair of the Reddings Road.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1078	A. Page	Two semi-detached houses in road off Swindon Road, near Malvern Street.

Resolved, That the Plans be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 24th June, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1090	Original Brewery Co.	Rebuilding St. Margaret's Stores, North Place.
1091	H. Harris	New Workshop, rear of 23 and 24 Regent Street.
1092	A. T. Thornhill	Motor House, Sharon Villa, Old Bath Road.

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Resolved, That Plans No. 1090 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 1091 and 1092 be disapproved.

J. STEWART, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th June, 1912**—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Summer Concerts—On the recommendation of the Manager, Resolved, That a limelight apparatus be purchased at a cost including fixing of £5 for use in connection with the Summer Concerts.

2—Direction Plates to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That 6 direction plates to the Montpellier Gardens and 3 to the Pittville Gardens be put up in suitable positions.

3—Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the bridge, &c., in the Marle Hill Annexe, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 10.30 a.m.

4—Constable and Park Keeper, Pittville Estate—The Resolution of this Committee appointing Ex-Sergeant Sansom Constable and Park-keeper on the Pittville Estate, referred back by the Council, was further considered. Resolved, That applications be invited by advertisement in the local papers for the post of Constable and Park-keeper on the Pittville Estate, the wages to be 23s per week with uniform.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th June, 1912.**—Present: Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 8th inst. showed 21 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for illuminating power on the 10th inst. showed 14.3 candles.

2--Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

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3—Tenders for Coal—The Committee considered the tenders (11) sent in for the supply of Slack Coal for the Electricity Works for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1913. Resolved, That the Tenders be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for a report thereon.

4—Tenders for Meters—The Tenders (9) received for the supply of Meters were considered. Resolved, That the tender of the British Insulated & Helsby Cables, Ltd., for the supply of meters for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1913, be accepted, subject to the usual guarantee being given as to reliability, &c., and to a formal contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

5—Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that applications were now being received from Prestbury and Leckhampton for a supply of electric energy and he suggested that in order to avoid delay, application should be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to the necessary loans. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1200 for Mains Extensions (including the extension to the end of High Street, Prestbury (£790), and the extension to Hill Grange, Leckhampton (£250).

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th June, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel, and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

6—Cheltenham (Extension) Electric Lighting Order, 1912—The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Company had presented a petition against the Bill to confirm the Order issued by the Board of Trade. The Gas Company had previously asked the Board of Trade for the Clause which was put in the Winchester Corporation Electric Lighting Act, 1911, providing for the publication of the Electricity Accounts, and also for a triennial revision of the prices for electricity so as to ensure as far as practicable that no contribution from the rates would be required for the purpose of defraying the future expenses of the Undertaking, but for the reasons submitted on behalf of the Corporation the Board of Trade considered the Clause unnecessary and refused the application of the Gas Company for the Clause, but to save the expense of an opposition in Parliament to the Bill, he had, with the approval of the Chairman, offered to accept the Clause submitted by the Gas Company, notwithstanding the decision of the Board of Trade that it was not required. The Gas Company had declined to accept this offer and now asked for a Clause automatically fixing the charge for energy used for street lighting and other lighting purposes chargeable to the District Rate, by dividing the total expenditure of the Undertaking for the year by the total number of units used for such

purposes. This would prevent the charge for Public Lighting, and for lighting the Municipal Offices, and other Corporation premises being ascertained until the accounts of the Undertaking were made up after the end of the financial year, and would also afford scope for annual litigation with the Gas Company as to what items of expenditure should be included for the purpose of calculating the charge per unit. Resolved, That the Clause be not accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct Counsel and take other necessary steps to support the Bill before the Parliamentary Committee.

7—Tenders for Coal—The Committee considered the report of the Borough Electrical Engineer on his test of the samples of slack coal. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. W. Cory & Son, Ltd., for the supply of Cannop Coal at 10s 3d per ton for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1913, be accepted subject to a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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8—Tenders for Carbons—The tenders (9) received for a twelve months' supply of Carbons were considered. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Crompton for the supply of Open Arc Carbons and the tender of the Ship Carbons; Ltd., for the supply of Flame Carbons be accepted in accordance with the schedule of prices submitted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th June, 1912.**—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green and Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	217,000 gallons	183,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	536,000 “	413,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>91,000</u> “	<u>76,000</u> “
Total	844,000 “	672,000 “

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 1912		18 <sup>th</sup> June, 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		22,709,000 gallons		12,944,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 4in.	86,262,000 “	23 ft. 1in.	57,311,000 “
Leckhampton	9ft. 5in.	<u>1,271,000</u> “	6ft. 9in.	<u>910,000</u> “
		110,242,000 “		71,165,000 “

Pumping had been continued during the day at Sandford since the last Meeting.

2—Land at Sandford—The Borough Engineer called attention to the uncultivated condition of some of the land in Sand-ford Road let in Allotments. Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne and Councillor Wood be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the same and report to the next Meeting.

3—Tenders for Coal—The Committee considered the tenders received for the supply of Slack Coal for the Tewkesbury Works. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell Co., Ltd., for the supply of Princes, Royal rough small steam coal at 12s 8d per ton for twelve months be accepted subject to a formal contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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4—New Filters at Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that the new filters and filter house at Tewkesbury were practically completed and that the filters had been in use for a few days but owing to the exceptional rains it had been unnecessary to continue the pumping.

5--Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Rogers, and Skillicorne, Councillor Bendall (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on the 10th inst., at the Whaddon Lane Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. Oliver Arkell. Six pigs had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The outbreak could not be accounted for but enquiries were still being made. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the past month.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from John Miller, of 1 Andover Street, and George Burrows, of Andover Place, for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 41—Read, letters from Messrs. E. Addis and W. Wiggett, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 41 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting.

5—Applications for Taxi-Cab and Char-a-banc Licences—The following applications for Taxi-Cabs and Motor Char-a-banc Licences were received, viz :—

W. T. Smith, Suffolk Mews ..	for 2 Taxi-Cab Licences.
Chas. Webb, Hewlett Road	“2 “ “
Lansdown Motor Co., Lansdown Place ..	“2 “ “
W. J. Houghton, St. Paul's Garage ...	“2 “ “
C. Bullock & Co., Winchcombe Street	“3 “ “
H. E. Steel, Ltd., High Street ...	“6 “ “
Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co., Spa Road	“ 12 “ and 2 Char-a-banc, 1 Omnibus, and 1 Wagonette Licences to carry 25, 22, 21 and 7 persons respectively.

A deputation from the Hackney Carriage Proprietors attended the Meeting and expressed their views as to the granting of Taxi-Cab Licences.

Read, a Memorial from Mr. T. B. Woodard and other residents in the Montpellier District asking the Council to grant licences for a Motor Omnibus Service to and from the Midland Railway Station via Queen's Road, Montpellier and Promenade.

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Read, a Memorial from Mr. Henry Workman, and other Hackney Carriage Proprietors and tradesmen protesting against the granting of Taxi-Cab Licences.

Read, a letter from the Manager, Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co., asking the Council not to grant any Motor Omnibus Licences to run from the Midland Railway Station as these would be in opposition to the tramway. The Light Railway Company were prepared to run a Motor Omnibus Service if the Committee would grant them licences.

Resolved, That the question as to granting licences for Taxi-Cabs and Motor Char-a-bancs be referred for the consideration of the Council in Committee.

6—Fruit Market—The Committee again considered the resolution passed at the last Meeting referred back by the Council for further consideration. Resolved, That the additional accommodation required for the storage of fruit pots at the Fruit Market be provided by the Corporation without requiring payment of any additional rent and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

7—Licences to Deal in Game—Read, applications from Messrs. Olive & Olive, W. Wilks, W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., H. F. Barnett, T. B. Woodard, J. Maxwell, C. Barnett & Sons, E. Powell and F. W. Picking for the renewal of their licences to deal in game for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8—Night Shelter for Commercial Motor Vehicles—Read, a letter from the Commercial Motor Users Association asking if the Council would allow the Market or other suitable open space to be used as a Night Shelter for motor vehicles passing through the town. The Association suggested the following scale of charges, namely, 2s per night for vehicle or trailer for commercial motor vehicles with speeds limited to 12 miles per hour or under, 1s 6d per night for vehicles with speeds between 12 and 20 miles per hour and 1s per night for each motor cycle, carrier, &c. Half the charges only to be paid for standing room in open spaces. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Committee are of opinion that ample accommodation can be obtained at the Motor Garages in the town.

9—Acquisition of Land (Public Authorities) Bill—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Land Nationalization Society enclosing for the information of the Council a copy of the Acquisition of Land (Public Authorities) Bill and asking that a resolution should be passed by the Council in support of the Bill. 10—Shops Act, 1912—The question of appointing Inspectors under this Act was further considered. Resolved, That it be referred to the Public Health Committee to consider whether arrangements cannot be made for the work to be undertaken by the Health Department having regard to the fact that out of a total of about 1500 shops over 900 are now under the supervision of the Health Department in respect of the Factory and Workshops' Act.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th June, 1912.** Present—Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Green and Steel and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 793 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 15th May last, and that 302 Catalogues had been sold. Miss Platt had presented a plaster bust of Apollo Belvedere.

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Mr. E. R. Robertson, of Painswick, had presented a Collection of Economic Specimens. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2—Closing of Gallery—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Saturday, 22nd June inst., the date of the Corporation Employees Outing.

3—Attendant—The Curator reported that he had seen Mr. Young who had informed him that he would be unable to resume his duties as Attendant at the Art Gallery and Museum owing to ill health. Resolved, That Mr. E. Addis be appointed Attendant at 13s 6d a week.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.



## MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th June, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths during April and May, 1912, were as follows :—

Receipts	£ 125 14 6	Expenses ... ..	£73 12 10
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>88 3 4</u>
	£125 14 6		£161 16 2

Swimming Bath—Read, a letter from the Joint Hon. Secretaries of the Cheltenham Ladies Swimming Club asking for a reduction in the charge for admission of members to the Swimming Bath. Resolved, That members of the Swimming Club be admitted to the Bath on Monday and Thursday Evenings, from 8 to 9, at a reduced charge of 4d. each on production of their membership tickets.

2—Alstone Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths during April and May, 1912, were as follows :—

Receipts	£97 0 1	Expenses ... ..	£58 11 2
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>55 16 8</u>
	£97 0 1		£114 7 10

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Swimming Instruction for School Children—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Education Committee stating that subject to the approval of this Committee, the Education had appointed Mrs. Pilkington to give swimming instruction to the girls attending the Elementary Schools at a fee of £1 per month during the season the scholars attend. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the proposal.

3—Badminton and Tennis—The Committee considered the question of putting a floor over the Swimming Baths at Alstone to provide accommodation for the Badminton and Tennis Clubs in the winter months. Resolved, That the Chairman, and Councillors Blakeney, Hanson Powell and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet representatives of the Badminton Clubs on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 11 o'clock to consider the matter.

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of mineral waters sold was 1650, as compared with 1447 for the month of May, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated during May last was 300 as compared with 330 for the corresponding month of last year.

5—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Superintendent reported that a number of Tennis Bats, Boils Sticks had been presented by Miss Littledale, Miss Platt and Mr. Horsfall. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the donors.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st June, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Councillors Baker, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Philip Layers Treeby. Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to graves of William Henry Tuck, Lindsay Neill and Ruth Doris Tinehurst—Kerbing to grave of Edith Vivian Horton.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Dr. Dories, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. J. R. Claridge, W. Cresswell, E. Gridley and W. J. Moore (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £3 14s. 3d. Presentations—Rev. A. F. Cornwall (1 vol.), Rev. W. L. Lang (1 vol.), Dr. Garrett (1 vol.)

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The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1346, a decrease of 128 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,735, an increase of 347 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended :

- (1) That the Committee subscribe for one year to the Incorporated National Lending Library for the Blind for the loan of 20 volumes per month, provided one half the amount is received by the Library from the present Subscribers.
- (2) That the Lending and Reference Departments be closed on June 22nd, the date of the Corporation Employees Outing.
- (3) That the selection of new books made by the Librarian in London be purchased at a cost of £21 2s. 2d.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th June, 1912.** Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud and Wilkins (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 25th instant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £7,477 10s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £17017 16s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next was read. Amount collected £4713 0s. 7d, Leaving outstanding £8090 2s. 9d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £2,000, £1,000 and £200 on loan at 5 per cent., and had arranged for a further sum of £10,000 at the same rate. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of Waterworks loans recently repaid.

4—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £659 of Cheltenham Corporation Stock at 80  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £659 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished and that the National Provincial Bank of England, Ltd., the Registrars of the said stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said stock and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

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5—Workmen's Insurance—The Borough Accountant reported that the present policy under the Workmen's Compensation acts expired on the 2nd proximo and that the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., had asked for an increase in the premium from £147 18s. 6d. to £254 6s. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to obtain quotations from other Offices and that Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones and Stroud be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the matter and accept a satisfactory quotation.

6—Income Tax—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Corporations stating that the Crown had decided to appeal to the House of Lords against the decision of the Court of Appeal in the test case " Leeds Corporation v. Sugden," and that as the question was one of importance to Local Authorities, the Committee who were watching the matter on behalf of the contributing Corporations had given instructions for the necessary steps to be taken to maintain the decision of the Court of Appeal if sufficient funds were forthcoming. Resolved, That the Council

contribute to the costs of the proposed proceedings upon the basis of rateable value provided such contribution shall not exceed the sum of £5.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 28th May last	£6,828 2 1
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £3,200)	<u>16,612 12 8</u>
	23,440 14 9
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £1500)	<u>11,338 10 8</u>
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ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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#### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town. Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st July, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE  
JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY EDWINSON  
CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN  
MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT  
STROUD THOMAS 'WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 3rd and 11th June last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted confirmed. .

2---Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 17th June last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 31st May and 11th and 24th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolutions to Minutes No. 6 and 7 (Promenade Wood Paving and Telephone Poles, Leckhampton Lane) of this Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 14th May last be rescinded.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th June last be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 24th June last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th June last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

8—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th June, last be approved and confirmed.

9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee. at their Meeting of the 14th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th June last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Purchase of Materials, &c., by Electric Light Department—The motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Hanson Powell was not moved by him.

14--Memorials, Applications, &c.—Resolved, That the following be referred to the undermentioned Committees, -viz :

Memorial from Frederick Wright Ltd. and others, for a Closing Order under the Shops Act, 1912.

To the General Purposes & Watch Committee.

Letter from Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Ratepayers Association, re Site for Municipal Offices.

To the Municipal Offices Sites Committee.

Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 2nd August, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th July, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 31, 35, 39, 42, 68, 68, Duke Street, Cottage rear of 46 Duke Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 28 York Street, 17 Kew Place, Bath Road, 33, 57, 73, 77, Duke Street, 2 Princes Place, Duke Street, Cottage rear of 33 Duke Street, 4 Teal's Court, Duke Street, 1 & 2 Savory's Court, Duke Street. Tice Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named -dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3--Nuisances from Drains, etc. at 3 Selkirk Street, and 21 Sherborne Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a

nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved' That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property-31a, 33, 73, 75, 77, Duke Street, Cottage at rear of 33 Duke Street, 2 and 4 Teal's Court, Duke Street, 2 and 5 Princes Terrace, Duke Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5— Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 21st ulto., the carcase and offal of a pork pig, and on the 28th ulto., the carcase and offal of a bacon pig were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food. Total weight destroyed, 469 lbs.

6—Assistant Medical Officer of Health—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Education Committee enclosing a copy of the following Resolution passed at a special meeting of the School Attendance and Medical Sub-Committee :—

" That an effort be made to reorganise the School Medical Service on the basis laid down in the letter from the Board of Education of June 18th, and that a Conference be accordingly invited on the earliest possible date with the Public Health Committee with a view to obtaining the consent of the Town Council to the appointment of a whole time Medical Officer for School work as Assistant Medical Officer of Health."

Resolved, That the Committee agree to the proposal that the whole time Medical Officer intended to be appointed by the Education Committee to act as Assistant School Medical Officer be also appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health, it being understood that the whole of his salary will be paid by the Education Committee.

7—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant, (Present—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farm Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 8th instant, was 22 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 170 head of cattle, 272 sheep and 12 pigs, all (with the exception of five), doing very well. 23 head of cattle had been purchased for £347 15s. ; 14 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £189 17s. 9d. and 32 sheep for £51 16s. 8d. (total sales £241 14s. 5d.) A quantity of wool had been sold for 1s per lb 5 calves had been bred on the Farms.

He recommended that a side delivery rake for haymaking be purchased, and submitted quotations for a portable furnace to be purchased for the Cottages at Hayden. Resolved, That a furnace be purchased at 45s 9d, and that the Chairman be authorised to purchase a side delivery rake.

Fruit on Farms—Resolved, That Messrs. Castle & Bloss be instructed to sell the fruit at the Firms by public auction, as last year.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd July, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

8—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-2, 6 & 7 Swindon Road North, 7, 8 & 15 Rutland Street and 10 Burton Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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9—Overcrowding at 12 Northfield Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises Were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be saved on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at 24, Great Norwood Street, Talbot Inn, Dulce Street, 7 and 8, Rutland Street, and 10 Burton, Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

11—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 7, Swindon Road North and 13, Burton Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.



12—Insanitary Property-43, Upper Norwood Street, 4, Malvern Cottages, 3foorend Street, 1 and 2 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, Talbot Inn, Duke Street, 7, 8 and 15, Rutland Street, 10 and 11, Burton Street and 39 Clarence Square.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

13--House unfit for Human Habitation-11, Tivoli Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 11 Tivoli Street in respect of which a Closing Order was made on the 1st January last, had now been made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order.

14—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. J. R. Murray, of 2 and 3 Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

15—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, defective floors, spouting, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of meat unfit for human food, as follows :—On the 10th inst., the carcase and offal of a pig (weight, 112 lbs.), and on the 12th inst., 294 lbs. of beef.

17—Contravention of Byelaws as to Pig Keeping—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that 9 pigs were kept on premises in the yard at the rear of the Royal Hotel, within 50 feet of a dwelling house, contrary to the byelaws in force in the Borough He had called the attention of the occupier to the provisions of the byelaw on two previous occasions. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

18—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that they had been in communication with the Board of Agriculture with regard to the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. The disease had in some cases been discovered among cattle slaughtered at Abattoirs and in some parts of carcasses exposed for sale, and asking that Medical Officers of Health and Inspectors of Nuisances should exercise the strictest vigilance in the supervision of the Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses and places where meat is prepared and exposed for sale. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the instructions of the Board were being carded out.

19—Leckhampton Sewerage—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council for continuing the communication of the sewers in the parish of Leckhampton with the Borough sewers. The Agreement was for 10 years from the 3rd October, 1911,

determinable by either party at the end of 6 years, and provided for the payment of an annual sum equal to a rate of 1s 1d in the £ on the rateable value for the time being

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of all houses and premises connected with the sewers communicating directly or indirectly with the sewers of the Corporation, and provided (inter alia) for the exclusion, as far as practicable, of all storm water, trade refuse, &c., from the sewers and also contained other provisions for the protection of the Corporation and the Rural District Council. Resolved, That the agreement as now settled be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment of the same.

20—Surface Water Drain, Bath Road—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to the heavy rains the old 6-inch surface water drain in Bath Road, between St. Philip's Street and Francis Street, had become choked, and it was necessary to relay this with 9-inch pipes. The old sewer was laid across the Bowling Green, at the Exmouth Arms, but he recommended that the new drain should be laid along Bath Road, from the main culvert opposite Francis Street, at an estimated cost of £50. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th July, 1912.** Present :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a projecting sign had been placed outside the County Registry Office, Montpellier Street, in contravention of the Byelaws. Read, a letter from Mrs. Mason, asking that the sign should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Higgins, asking the Committee to allow the Pawnbrokers' Sign erected outside No. 313 High Street, to remain in its present position. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, but that permission be granted for the sign to project 3 feet if placed at a height of 15 feet, or 4 feet if placed at a height of 24 feet.

2—Caution Signs near Naunton Park Schools—Read, a letter from the Correspondent, Naunton Park Schools, calling attention to the need of Notices of Caution against fast driving being placed near the approaches to the Naunton Park Schools. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made application to the Motor Union for a supply of signs for this purpose.

3—Tree near No. 11 Greville Terrace—Read, a letter from Mr. Chas. Preston, asking for the removal of a tree opposite No. 11 Greville Terrace. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

4—Footpaths in North Place and West side of Bath Road (from Suffolk Road to Victoria Place). Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these footpaths repaired where necessary.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th July, 1912.** Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st June, to the 25th July 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Berkeley Avenue (500 square yards), Gloucester Road (173 square yards), Leckhampton Road (proceeding), Montpellier Street (3,102 square yards), Queen's Parade (1,731 square yards).

Roads Tar painted—Gloucester Road (2,000 square yards), Imperial Square (3,493 square yards), Montpellier Parade (1,500 square yards), Montpellier Terrace (6,589 square yards), Montpellier Terrace (rear) (764 square yards), Montpellier Spa Road (3,715 square yards), Regent Street (3,900 square yards), Rodney Road (3,094 square yards), Shelburne Road (3,883 square yards), Trafalgar Street (2,688 square yards).

Roads Patched—Albion Street, Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Promenade and St. James' Square.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Bath Road, Bath Terrace, Christ Church Road, Eldorado Road, Henrietta Street, High Street, Leckhampton Road, London Road, Montpellier Street, Old Bath Road, Park Place, Royal Well Terrace, St. George's Road, Suffolk Square and Tewkesbury Road.

Wood Paving repairs—Clarence Street. Slab Paving repaired—Christ Church Road, Gloucester Road, Hale's Road, Malvern Road, Moorend Street, Promenade, Queen Street and Townsend Street.

Channelling repaired—Albion Street, Queen's Parade and York Passage. Kerbing repaired—Christ Church Road and rear of Montpellier Terrace. Surface Water Drains laid—Promenade. New Setts laid by Channel—Albion Street, and Winchcombe Street. Manhole Covers raised—Montpellier Street. Trees pruned—Imperial Square, Parabola Road, Albert Road, Clarence Road, Clarence Square, Christ Church Road, Evesham Road, Rear of Hatherley Place, Lansdown Road, Malvern Road, Moorend Park Road, North Place, Lane rear of Painswick Road, Portland Street, Prestbury Road, Queen's Road, St. George's Road, Wellington Square and Winchcomb Street.

Trees Felled-2 Silver birch in Wellington Road (broken by wind).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 18th July, 1912-1,011 loads collected, 999 consumed in Destructor and 12 tipped away. Weight consumed-1,007 tons, 5 cwt., 2 qrs. Steam generated—Hourly average 6057 lbs.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th July, 1912-6,222 lineal feet of channelling made.

6—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

7—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 21th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—Street Projections—Read an application from the Cheltenham Gas Company on behalf of Mr. Bellamy, for permission to place a projecting lamp outside No. 338 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

The Committee inspected the projecting sign placed outside the County Registry Office, Montpellier Street and the application for the sign to remain was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal of the sign.

The Street Inspector reported that a temporary sign had been placed on the railings outside the Wilts and Dorset Branch Bank in Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write asking for the sign to be removed.

9—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor recommended that, having regard to the number of slabs in Stock, the Slab Factory should be closed for the present. Resolved, That this be done.

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10—Caution Signs near Schools—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain from the Automobile Club a supply of signs for placing near the Elementary Schools. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices placed near the entrances to Naunton Park, Gloucester Road and Dunalley Street Schools.

11—Promenade and Winchcombe Street Wood Paving—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders received for paving the portion of the Promenade from the Colonnade to St. George's Road and Winchcomb Street with creosoted deal blocks :—

Contractors' Name and Address	Promenade			Amount of Tender Winchcomb Street.			Total			Time for Completion Promenade.	Winchcomb Street
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Currall, Lewis & Martin, Limited, Birmingham	4420	13	4	843	5	6	5063	18	10		
C. L. Duke, Plymouth ... •••••	2966	5	4	612	13	0	3578	18	4	36 days	12 days
Improved Wood Pavement Co., London	2832	16	11	586	10	5	3419	7	4	50 days	21 days
J. W. Pearce, Morecambe •••••	2826	0	10	589	1	0	3415	1	10	28 days	14 days
W. Griffiths & Company, Limited, London	2880	16	4	498	10	6	3370	6	10	85 days	21 days
Acme Flooring & Paving Co. Ltd., London	2795	0	11	579	16	10	3374	17	9	3 weeks	2 Weeks

An alternative tender was received from the Acme Flooring and Paving Co., Ltd., for paving the Promenade with Sectional jarrah blocks at a cost £3596 8s. 1d. If these blocks were used, the Company would undertake to maintain the roadway for a period of 15 years instead of 2 years as in the case of Creosoted wood blocks. The Borough Surveyor reported the result of his enquiries of other towns where these blocks were in use, which was satisfactory, and he recommended that sectional jarrah blocks should be used for the Promenade, and that the loan already applied for should be increased from .€3750 to £3900, to provide for the extra cost. Resolved, That the tender of the Acme Flooring and Paving Co. Ltd., for paving Winchcombe Street with Creosoted deal blocks at £579 16s. 10d., and for paving the Promenade with sectional jarrah blocks at £3596 8s. 1d. be accepted. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £3900, and that the resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee of the 11th June last be varied accordingly.

12—Chief Clerk, Stores Department—Read, au application from Mr. J. E. Pouting, Chief Clerk in the Stores Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £120 to 4130 per annum.

13—**Trees Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Trees Sub-Committee meet on the 6th proximo at 3 p.m.

14--London Road—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Jacobs, complaining of the nuisance caused by the dust in London Road and asking that the roadway and edges of the footpath should be tar-painted. Resolved, That Mr. Jacobs be informed that it is intended to remake the carriageway at an early date.

15—Montpellier Grove—Read a letter from Mrs. Currie asking that Montpellier Grove should be repaired and tar-painted. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

16—Footpath near Norwood Arms—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to kerb and channel the footpath near the Norwood Arms.

17—Building in George Yard, Albion Street—Mr. Miles attended and Promise) to send in a plan of the building erected by him.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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#### **PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th July, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1078	A. Page	Two houses in road off Swindon Road, near Malvern Street (amended plans)
1091	H. Harris	Workshop at rear of 23 Regent Street (amended plans)
1092	A. T. Thornhill	Motor house at Sharon Villa, Old Bath Road (amended plans)
1094	C. W. MacVitie	Meat Store at 9 Ambrose Street
1095	W. J. Widdows	Additions to Shop at corner of Suffolk Street and Norwood Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 1078 and 1092 be approved. that Plans No. 1091 and 1095 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that plans 1094 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th July, 1912.** Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1094	C. W. McVitie	Meat Store at 9 Ambrose Street (amended plans)
1096	The Deacons of Cambray Church	New Lavatories at Rodney Hall
1097	Williams & Co.	Alterations to 10 Portland Street
1098	C. Crook	2 New Bedrooms, Alma Cottage, Croft Street
1099	A. G. Siddall	Additions to Southfield Villas, Old Bath Road
1100	Flower & Sons	New Kitchen and Scullery, Salisbury Arms, Montpellier Street
1101	T. H. Poynton	Alterations at rear of Albert Hall
1102	Committee of S t. Hilda's College	New Wing to St. Hilda's College
1103	C. Bullock & Co.	Extension of Garage, 49 Winchcomb Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1094, 1098, 1099 and 1102 be approved, that Plans No. 1006, 1097, 1100 and 1101 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans No. 1103 be disapproved.

The Building Inspector reported that Sir. Alfred Miles had erected a building in the George Yard without having first submitted plans. Resolved. That Notice be given Mr. Miles to show cause why the building should not be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on. Tuesday, the 23rd July, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman \_Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1 --Band in Promenade—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Bandstand on August Bank holiday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a charge of £3. Gardens—Trees—Read, a letter from Mr. R. Bagnall Oakeley, complaining of the trees at the rear of the Pump Room overhanging his garden. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the trees at their View Meeting on Tuesday, the 30th inst.

Fencing—The tenders received (3) for the new fencing, &c., required at the Albert Road entrance to the Pittville Gardens were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. Such & Sons, Ltd. (the lowest) of £34 16. 0d. be accepted.

3—Constable and Park-Keeper, Pittville Estate—The applications (54) sent in for the post of Constable and Park-keeper on the Pittville Estate were considered. Resolved, That the 7 applicants selected by the Committee be requested to attend for interview at the Pittville Gardens, on the 30th inst., at 11 a.m.

4—Promenade Long Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Hyatt, on behalf of the occupiers of houses in the Promenade, suggesting that entrances from the Promenade to the inner road be made through the Promenade Long Garden about 10 yards on each side of the Bandstand. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5—Advertising—Read, a letter from the Midland Press Ltd., stating that they proposed to publish a special page containing an article on Cheltenham in the Midland Evening News and asking the Council to insert an advertisement at a charge of 36s Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th July, 1912,**—Present: Alderman Norman. Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 27th ulto. showed 22 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. His test for purity showed 14.3 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for supply to Cleeveholme, Coronation Road, and Peptone, Cromwell Road. Resolved, That application be made under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, the Local Authority for the district and to the Board of Trade for sanction to the Corporation supplying the premises.

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4—Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer presented a report of the proceedings at the Annual Convention of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, held at Harrogate from the 18th to the 21st June last. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

5—Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that as the Jandus Arc Lamps in the Promenade had proved satisfactory he be authorised to replace 15 more arc lamps in prominent positions by Jandus lamps. This would secure an improved light and effect some economy in the



cost. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase the lamps as recommended.

6—Cheltenham (Extension) Electric Lighting Order, 1912—The Town Clerk reported that the Bill for confirming this Order came before the Committee of the House of Commons on the 10th and 11th instant, and that after hearing the opposition of the Gas Company the Parliamentary Committee decided that the case for the insertion of the Clause asked for by the Gas Company had not been made out and they found that the preamble of the Bill was proved. The Committee also unanimously decided to report that the Corporation had been vexatiously subjected to expense in the promotion of the Bill by the opposition of the Gas Company and therefore made an Order that the Gas Company should pay the costs incurred by the Corporation in consequence of their refusal to accept the Clause offered by the Corporation.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th July, 1912.** Present : Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sleet and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

7—Proposed Trades Exhibition—**The Sub-Committee reported** the result of their interviews with Messrs. Gillsmith with reference to the Trades Exhibition proposed to be held at the Winter Garden in September next. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to assist Messrs. Gillsmith in arranging an electrical section of the Exhibition by asking Manufacturers to send exhibits and also to take the necessary steps for giving a temporary supply of current required for the Exhibition.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th July, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair). 1--Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

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#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	250,000 gallons	140,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	398,000 “	347,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>85,000</u> “	<u>64,000</u> “
Total	733,000 “	551,000 “

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20 <sup>th</sup> July, 1912		20 <sup>th</sup> July, 1911	
Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	21,833,000 gallons		12,209,000 gallons
Dowdeswell 28ft. 5in.	81,319,000 "	18 ft. 7in.	39,345,000 "
Leckhampton 12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u> "	8 ft. 0in.	<u>1,080,000</u> "
	104,840,000 "		52,634,000 "

2—Mythe Road Bridge—The Borough Engineer reported that the new 9-inch steel main had now been laid across the Mythe Road Bridge, Tewkesbury.

3—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. W. P. Walker, who had been in the employ of the London Hydraulic Power Co., Foreman in charge of the Works at a week. The living accommodation at the Works was very limited and he recommended that a partition be placed across the Board Room so as to provide an additional Sitting Room and Bedroom. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that half the cost of removal of Mr. Walker's furniture be paid by the Corporation.

4—Queen's Hotel Lift—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Queen's Hotel, complaining of the inefficiency of the Hotel lift owing to the want of pressure. The Borough Engineer submitted a plan showing the position of the Water mains in the district and recommended that an 8-inch main should be laid from the New Club to the Queen's Hotel at an estimated cost of £120. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd July, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Merrett (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of premises at the Whaddon Lane Allotments in the occupation of Mr. Oliver Arkell, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew—Superintendent Hopkins reported that American Gooseberry Mildew had been found amongst gooseberry trees at Brighton Gardens, Arle Road, in the occupation

of Mr. Albert Dix, and that the premises had been scheduled as infected and placed under the restrictions prescribed by the Board of Agriculture. The outbreak was, in the first place, reported to the Police by the Occupier. Superintendent Hopkins also reported that a pot of gooseberries sent to the Market by Mr. E. Meyrick, bailiff for Mr. J. D. Crewdson, of Syde, Glos., had been found to be affected with mildew. Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, calling attention to the circumstances and suggesting that the Local Authority should take into consideration the advisability of prosecuting Mr. Meyrick under Article 3 of the American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1912, for causing diseased fruit to be exposed for sale. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be authorised to take proceedings against Mr. Meyrick as suggested by the Board.

3—Report of Captain of Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire during the past month.

4—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Edwin Baylis, of 27 Duke Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 41—The adjourned application for a transfer from Mr. E. Addis of the Plough Yard to Mr. William Wiggett, of 20 Mitre Street, of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 41 was further considered. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Applications for Taxi-Cab Licences—The Committee considered the following applications for Taxi-Cab Licences.

W. T. Smith, Suffolk Mews		for 2 licences.
C. Webb, Hewlett Road	2	“
Lansdown Motor Co. ...	2	“
W. J. Houghton, St. Paul's Garage	2	“
C. Bullock & Co., Winchcomb Street	3	“
H. E. Steel, Ltd., High Street ...	6	“
Bristol Tramway & Carriage Co.	12	“
C. Trinder, Upper Park Street		1 licence.
F. Jones, 10 Albert Place	1	“

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant Licences for 20 Taxi-Cabs and that in considering the applications preference be given to applications received before the 20th September next, from Proprietors who are prepared to cancel one licensed horse carriage for each Taxi-Cab Licence granted.

7—Applications for Motor Char-a-bancs, &c., Licences—Read applications from the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co., for licences for 3 Motor Touring Cars for pleasure tours and trips, and from the Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co., Ltd., for licences for 2 Char-a-banc, 1 Bus and 1 Wagonette to carry 25, 22, 21 and 7 persons respectively. Resolved, That consideration of the applications be adjourned to the meeting of the Committee in September.

8—Shops Act, 1912—The question of appointing an Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912, was further considered and letters were read from the Grocers Association and the Cheltenham Branch of the Shop Assistants Union urging the Council to appoint an Inspector without delay. Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to confer with the Chief Constable to ascertain if the duties of Shop Inspector can be undertaken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Fruiterers Shops Closing Order—Read, a Memorial from the proprietors of 55 shops where the business of a fruiterer or greengrocer is carried on asking that an Order should be made for all Fruiterers and Greengrocers' Shops to be closed at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, or in the alternative at 1 p.m. on Saturday in each week, provided that the Wednesday or Saturday before Christmas Day should be exempted from the provisions of the Order. Resolved That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making an Order, a register of shops prepared and that notice be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Regulation, of the Home Office.

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9—Allotment Land lead, a letter from :Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., stating that a client had a piece of land in Painswick Road, containing 1 acre, 0 roods, 18 perches, two thirds of which he would be willing to let to the Corporation for allotments, at a rental of £20 per annum. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

10-----Town Hall—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to give an invitation to the British Chess Federation to hold their Annual Congress in August, 1913, in Cheltenham. Resolved, also, That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Cheltenham Chess Club for the Congress, subject to payment of out of pocket expenses.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman

#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE**

**Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council on the 5th December, 1910** to consider the question of the of Municipal Offices, consisting of—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne, and Councillors Baker, Bendall, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart and Stroud.

In response to the invitation to local Architects to submit designs for Municipal Offices in competition, eight designs have been sent in. The mottos adopted for identification of the plans are as follows : (1) Efficiency with Economy, (2) To be or not to be ; (3) Tempus Fugit; (4) Batty ; (5) Chelt; (6) Vos Valete et Plaudite ; (7) Economy and (8) Palladio.

The Committee have had 5 Meetings to consider the plans and have given them most careful consideration and have had the advice of the Borough Surveyor both in regard to the comparative merits of the designs and also as to the probable cost of carrying them out.

One of the conditions of the Competition provides that any design which the Committee, as advised by the Borough Surveyor or any other professional adviser, shall determine that its probable cost will exceed by 10 per cent. the sum of £10,000 is to be excluded from the competition.

The question of cost has delayed the Committee in coming to a decision as they have found it necessary to have careful estimates made of the cost of carrying out each set of plans. Approximate estimates were made by the Borough Surveyor, but in view of the importance of arriving at close estimates, the Committee on the advice of the Borough Surveyor, consulted Mr. H. Vale, Quantity Surveyor, of Wolverhampton.

The Committee are advised and are of opinion that none of the designs sent in can be carried out for the sum stipulated by the conditions.

The Committee are of opinion that the plans sent in under the mottos "Efficiency and Economy," and "Palladio," are the best designs, but as the conditions are not complied with, they are unable to make any award. The Committee think that either of these plans might be modified to meet the requirements of the Council as to cost, and recommend that they be authorised to consult with the Architects who prepared these plans, with a view to consider whether such modification can be made and report further thereon to the Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT Chairman.

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#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th July, 1912.** Present—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillor Steel and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 806 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th June last.

The following gifts had been received :--

Mr. L. M. Hill—a collection of 25 skins of Foreign Birds, including Jackdaws, Humming Birds, &c., from New Guinea.

Mr. E. R. Robertson—a further collection of seeds.

Dr. E. T. Wilson—a chart, dated 1864, showing the portion of Cheltenham, situate on Sand and Clay.

Mrs. Charles Greaves had lent a sword and crossbow for the Museum.

The oil sketches by F. Milner and the water colour drawings by G. F. Nicholls had been returned.

The Invitations for Exhibits for the Autumn Exhibition had been sent out and 14 had been accepted to date.

The bust of Apollo Belvedere presented by Miss Platt had been cleaned and placed in the Decorative Art Room.

Several Local Prints had been framed and hung in the Local Room.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to the donors and lender.

2—Late Attendant—The Curator reported the death on Saturday last of Mr. R. W. Young, the late Attendant at the Art Gallery and Museum. Resolved, That a letter be sent to the widow and family expressing sympathy with them in their bereavement.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th July, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Merrett, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Bath, during April, May and June, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	205 17 1	Expenses ... ..	133 19 8
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>132 5 0</u>
	£205 17 1		£266 4 8
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2—Alstone Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths during April, May and June, 1912, were as follows

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	161 9 7	Expenses ...	96 7 9
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>83 15 0</u>
	£161 9 7		£180 2 9

3—Mineral Waters--The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during June last was 1366 as compared with 1965 for the month of June, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during June last was 198 as compared with 156 for the corresponding month of last year.

4—Gifts to Naunton Park—The Superintendent of Naunton Park Recreation Ground reported that the following had presented flowers for Naunton Park :—The Mayor, Councillors Bendall and Stroud, Mrs. E. M. Clissold, Mrs. G. Cox, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. H. G. Margrett, Major P. Shewell, and

Messrs. T. E. Rickerby, J. Mayo, G. Player, Cypher & Sons, and Worman & Amos. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

5—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, applications from the St. Paul's United Association and St. Paul's Rugby Football Clubs to play at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and from the Whaddon United Football Club to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th July, 1912**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of—Mary Ann and Henry Daniel Brown, John and Elizabeth Checketts, Adam and Mary Boyd and 'Lucy Worman. Memorial Crosses to graves of—Frederick Herbert and Bert Howell, Catharine Wood Mason and Fanny Spencer. Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of—Albert Scudamore. Headstone and Kerbing to grave of—Thomas Bowl Porter. Kerbing to graves of—Amelia Cooper and Ernest Files.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th July, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Steel, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, Cresswell, E. Gridley and A Miles (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 13s. 11d. Presentations—Mr. E. F. Barnfield (1 vol. and 1 pamphlet), Trustees of British Museum (4 .vol. and 2 pamphlets), Alderman Winterbotham (1 vol.), Governor General of South Australia (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1694, an increase of 336, as compared with the corresponding period of last year- The number of volumes issued from the Lending Department was 10192, a decrease of 57 as compared with last year.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst. Present—Councillor Green, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the Chair.)

They recommended : That the tenders of Messrs. Cedric Chivers, Ltd., of Bath, for binding Fiction and Juvenile Books, and Messrs. Riley & Co. Ltd., of Huddersfield, for Miscellaneous Books for the ensuing year, be accepted.

That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Liverpool from the 3rd to the 6th September.

That Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall, Ltd., be instructed to examine the heating boiler and pipes, as usual. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Painting Outside Woodwork, etc.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification and estimate of the cost of painting the outside woodwork, etc. of the Library.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th July, 1912.** Present : Alderman 1Vaghorne, Councillors Haddock, Steel, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 26th instant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £12,586 16s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £11908 9s. 11d.

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2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next was read. Amount collected £6961 0s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £6217 14s. 8d.

3- Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received sums amounting to £8,800 on loan at 3  $\frac{5}{8}$  per cent., in addition to the loan of £10,000 from the Burnley Building Society arranged last month. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans, to replace Loans recently repaid.

4—Investment of Sinking and Loans Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Monmouth County Council desired to borrow £2970 for a term of 15 years at 16s. 3d. per cent. Resolved, That, subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £2970 be advanced to the Monmouth County Council on the terms mentioned.

5—Purchase and Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £750 of Cheltenham Corporation Stock at 80  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £750 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished and that the National



Provincial Bank of England, Ltd., the Registrars of the said Stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

6—Workmen's Insurance—The Sub-Committee appointed to obtain quotations and consider the question of the Work-men's Insurance reported that they met on the 4th inst. (Present : Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones and Stroud, Councillor Haddock in the Chair). They recommended that policies be effected with the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., for the Education Section and with the County Fire Office for the general insurance at the premiums quoted by them less the usual commission. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—National Insurance Act, 1911—Resolved, That application be made to the National Insurance Commissioners (England) for a Certificate of exception from the provisions of the Act, relating to compulsory health insurance, in respect of the administrative and office stag of the Corporation, in consideration of the Corporation undertaking to allow three months' leave on full pay in each case of illness and such further period on full pay or half pay as the Finance Committee may decide in any particular case and also a disablement allowance of 5s a week after the determination of full pay or half-pay, and also to pay the reserve value which may be payable by any member of the excepted class, on leaving the excepted employment and joining an approved Society to enable such member to secure benefits at the full rate.

Resolved, also, That the Council hereby undertake to grant the terms of employment contained in the foregoing minute, if a Certificate of exception is issued by the National Insurance Commissioners.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

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In hand on the 25th June last	£12,102 4 1
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £18,800)	<u>35,283 9 7</u>
	47,385 13 8
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £14800)	<u>34,803 2 4</u>
	In Hand £12,582 11 4
being General Accounts	£5541 16 11
Sinking Funds	6602 16 9
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>434 17 8</u>
	£12,582 11 4

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 2nd August, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Rees Jones and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 1st July last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd July last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 26th July last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 (Promenade Wood Paving) of this Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 11th June last be varied accordingly.

4—Town Improvement Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July last be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the proceedings of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th July last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July last, be approved and confirmed.

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1 L—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th. July last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the Pith July last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer.be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd September, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th August, 1912**—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 15 Grove Street, 1 Ambrose Place, 2 Naunton Villas, Naunton Lane, 1 Burton Street, 1a Regent Place, Swindon Road, 1 Orchard Cottages and 7

Orchard Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at 14 Grove Street, 24 Gt. Norwood Street, 1 Eaton. Place, Bath Road, 2, 4, 5, & 6 Orchard Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above" named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc. at 1 Manchester Place, Manchester Street, 1 Ambrose Place, and 346 High Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property-3 Normal Terrace, 13 Fairfield Parade, 1 Eaton Place, Bath Road, 2 Ambrose Place, Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, 10, 11, 15 and 16 Grove Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Dwelling house at 231 High Street and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Swindon Passage--The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 29th ultimo, of 100 lbs. of salt beef and pork in a decomposing state.

7—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health, 1911—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they had under consideration the Annual Report for 1911 of the Medical Officer of Health, and enquiring what the Council proposed to do in connection with the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health as to an increase in the staff in his department, and as to the remuneration of the Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned to the Meeting of this Committee on the 9th September.

8—Report of Farms Sub. Committee—The Farms Sub. Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. (Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair.)

9—Farms Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 12th inst. was 21 horses (not including 5 at Depot), 161 head of cattle, 229 sheep and 12 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 10 head of cattle had been purchased for £162 15s., 6 calves had been bred on the Farms, 25 head of cattle (including 5 calves) had been sold for £335 5s. 8d., 43 sheep for £70 6s. 1d., 1 cart colt for £52 10s. and 1750 lbs. of wool for £86, total sales £544 1s. 9d. He recommended that the two cottages at Hayden, in the occupation of Messrs. Edmunds and Mason, be coloured and whitewashed. Resolved, That he be authorised accordingly.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th August, 1912.** Present Aldermen. Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz Regent Place and 1 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road, 13 Northfield Passage, 1 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, and 8 and 9 Granley Cottages. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

11—Overcrowding at 25, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at 7, 8, 13, 14 and 28, Rutland Street, 1, 2 & 3 St. George's Retreat, 219 High Street and 47 Brunswick Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the Louses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 2 Ashling Villas, High Street, and 3 Sydenham Villas.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property--5 and 6, Orchard Place, 9, 10, 11, 12a, 13 and 14, Northfield Passage, 1, Hanover Street, 2 and 3 Garden Cottages, High Street, and 47 Brunswick Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, defective flushing apparatus &c., and the provision of ash receptacles which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Dwelling House at 231 High Street, and 1, 2 and 3 Swindon Passage.—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of the Cottage at 231 High Street and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Swindon Passage. Mr. H. A. Badham, the Trustee of the will of Mr. William Proctor, deceased, the late owner, attended the Meeting. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an order be now made pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

17—Royal Sanitary Institute Congress—The Chief Inspector of Nuisances submitted a report of the proceedings at the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress held at York, from the 29th July to the 3rd August last.

18—Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro-Spinal Fever—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the suggestion contained in the Board's letter of the 12th December last that all cases of Acute Poliomyelitis and Cerebro-Spinal Fever should be made notifiable had not been taken up universally and that they had now made an Order requiring the general notification of these diseases, The Order would come into force on the 1st September and contained regulations as to the information to be given by Medical Practitioners. Resolved, That the Order be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1912. Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Co. for permission to place a projecting lamp out-side No. 5, North Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

The Street Inspector reported that two signs had been placed outside Messrs. Mills & Sons premises in Winchcomb Street and Fairview Road. Read, a letter from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons expressing regret for having erected the signs without permission and asking that the same may be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the signs be allowed to remain subject to their not projecting more than 2 feet from the building, and not being less than 8 feet from the pavement.

Read, a letter from Mrs. Mason, of the County Registry, Montpellier Street, stating that she was willing to alter the sign placed outside her premises so that the same should not project more than 2 feet, and asking that the sign may be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Higgins, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision requiring the Pawnbroker's Sign erected outside No. 313, High Street, to be set back to 3 feet if placed at a height of 15 feet, or 4 feet if placed at a height of 24 feet. Resolved, That Mr. Higgins be informed that the Committee are unable to alter their previous decision, and that if the sign is not altered to comply with the conditions mentioned, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the Bye Laws for the removal of the sign.

2—Report of **Trees Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Mann.

After inspecting the trees as to which letters or complaints had been received, they recommended as follows :—

Gloucester Road	Partly dead elm tree near Ivanhoe, to be removed.
Promenade	No Trees to be removed.
Near Queen's Hotel	Trees overhanging Hotel Garden not to be lopped until proper Season.
1, Queen's Parade	Tree not to be removed.
The Park	Partly dead sycamore and elm trees to be removed.
Greville Terrace	Trees to be removed.
Leckhampton Road	Tree near Broadclyst to be removed.

Partly dead lime tree near "Corowa," elm near " Morningside," sycamore by "Credenhill," and lime near " Yetholm," to be removed.

Langdon Road	Partly dead birch tree to be removed.
Keynsham Road	Tree near "Kennerleigh " and " Lodmoor " not to be removed.
Selkirk Street	Tree near " Chalford Villa " to be removed.
Prestbury Road	Partly dead acacia tree to be removed.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—The Park (Between St. Stephen's and Moorend Park Roads)—Read, a letter from Mr. W. R. Carles, calling attention to the flooding of this road. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4—London Road—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Road Board, stating that the Board would make a grant of £300 towards strengthening and surfacing with tar macadam, London Road, from Hales Road to the Borough Boundary, the estimated cost of which was £1,387 which included a sum of £328 the cost of the necessary repairs now required, and which would have to be done if the improvement was not carried out. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the work to be carried out.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th August, 1912.** Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th July to the 23rd August, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Ashford Road (1766 square yards), Clarence Street (300 square yards), Gratton Street (435 square yards), Leckhampton Road (portion) (7260 square yards), St. James' Place (384 square yards), Tudor Lodge Road (991 square yards), Union Street (365 square yards), Milsom Street (773 square yards).

Roads patched—Charlton Lane, College Road, Duke Street, Gloucester Road, Leighton Road, Moorend Road, Prestbury Road, Promenade, Queen's Road, Regent Street, Wellesley Road, Wellington Road and Winchcomb Street.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Lansdown Road and Malvern Road. Gas Trenches repaired—Roman Road.



Sewer Trenches repaired—Marle Hill Parade, Promenade and Witcombe Place. Water Trench repaired—Lower Mill Street. Roads Tarpainted—Bath Parade (1,955 square yards), Park Place (3,832 square yards), St. Luke's Road (2,867 square yards), Suffolk Square (7,160 square yards), Royal Well Place (1,888 square yards), Warwick Place (875 square yards). Private Improvement Works—Ambrose Place and Milsom Street.

Paving repaired—Christ Church Road, King Street, Priory Street and Queen Street. Kerbing repaired—Overton Park Road. Channelling repaired—Priory Street, St. George's Road and Suffolk Parade.

Street Crossings repaired-4. Trees pruned—Albany Road, Albert Road, Albion Street, Bath Parade, Bath Road, Battledown Approach, Bays Hill Road, Berkeley Street, Carlton Street, College Road, Cranham Road, Dagmar Road, Eldorado Road, Eldorado Crescent, Ewlyn Road, Fauconberg Road, Glencairn Park Road, Grafton Road, Greville Terrace, Hale's Road, Hewlett Road, High Street, Imperial Square, Keynsham Road, Langdon Road, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Place, Leckhampton Road, London Road, Lypiatt Lawn, .Montpellier Drive, Montpellier Grove, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Terrace, and back Road, Moorend Park Road, Oriel Road, Overton Road, Parabola Road, The Park, Prestbury Road, Queen's Parade (rear of), Queen's Road, Rodney Road, St. James' Square, Suffolk Square, Sydenham Road South, and Vittoria Walk.

Hedges pruned—Battledown Approach, Cemetery Road and Swindon Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 15th August, 1912-796 loads collected, 792 consumed &c., and 4 tipped away. Weight consumed-826 tons, 4 cwts., 1 qr. Steam generated—Hourly average 5,993 lbs.

Slab Factory—During the week ended 25th July, 1912-480 lineal feet of channelling and 870 lineal feet of kerbing made.

6—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Stewart and Wilkins.

7—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—Land in Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that two offers had been received for the tenancy of the strip of land in Ambrose Street at the side of No. 1, St. George's Square, for the erection of an advertisement hoarding 10 feet high. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Shakspeare Shenton, of £15 per annum be accepted subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

9—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. R. Organ & Sons, for permission to place a projecting lamp outside No. 26 Manchester Place. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

10—Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Herbert, asking that the footpath opposite Excelsior, Leckhampton, Road, should be paved with Slabs, before the repairs now being carried out were completed. The Borough Surveyor, reported that the footpath had been gravelled. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

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11—The Park (Between St. Stephen's Road and Moorend Park Road)—With reference to the complaint of Mr. W. R. Carles, of the flooding of this road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gullies lowered in the portion of the road complained of.

12—Battledown Approach—Read, a letter from Mrs. Vaughan, of Orchard Priors, calling attention to the condition of Battledown Approach, caused by flooding, etc. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once proceed with the laying of the surface water drain, in accordance with the arrangement made with the Chariton Kings Urban District Council.

13—Phoenix Passage—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate: of the works required to be done in this Street by the abutting owners.

14—Seat near Lauriston House—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Bendy, on behalf of the Lansdown Wheelchair Men, complaining of the misuse by boys and others of the seat near Lauriston House, Montpellier, and asking that the same should be removed. Resolved, That the request be not complied with.

15—Promenade Wood Paving—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had fixed Tuesday, the 3rd proximo, at 10 a.m., for holding a Local Inquiry into the application for a loan for the Promenade Wood Paving.

16—Trees near Glenlee, Bayshill Road—Resolved, That the trees near Glenlee, Bayshill Road, be trimmed.

17—Christ Church Passage—Read, an application from Mr. F. O. Bell, asking that posts should be placed in the passage from St. George's Road to Malvern Road. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

17—Fairhaven Street—The Town Clerk reported that Notice declaring Fairhaven Street to be a Highway, had been duly posted and advertised and that no objection had been received to such declaration. Resolved, That the Notice be recorded in the Minutes.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

## PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1104	T. W. Smith	Two semi-detached houses, Charlton Lane.
1105	A. Miles	Covered-way, George Yard, Albion Street.
1106	A. Page	Two semi-detached houses, Swindon Road.
1107	Committee of St. Paul's Training College	New Lodge, St. Paul's Training College, Swindon Road
1108	J. Crisp	New stable and pigstys, Hesters Way.
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1109	Miss Oakwell Smith	New Conservatory, Royston House.
1110	Buckle & Co.	Alterations and Additions to No. 93 Upper Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108 and 1109 be approved, and that Plans No. 1110 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd August, 1912.** Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1110	Buckle & Co.	Alterations and additions to 93 and 95 Upper Bath Road.
1111	C. Drew	Alterations and additions to the Lamb Hotel.
1112	T. Curtis	Bath Room, New Motor House and Cycle Shed, Glenlee, Bayshill Road.
1113	J. Fawdry	Additions to No. 1 Collum Cottages, Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1111 and 1113 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans No. 1110 be approved subject to the strip of

land between the existing and proposed new frontage line being given up to form part of the public footpath, such strip of land to be paved by the Corporation and subject also to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plans No. 1112 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that the Cycle Shed be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement being entered into to remove the same on three months' notice.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th July, 1912**—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Constable and Park-keeper—The Committee interviewed the seven Candidates selected at their last Meeting. Resolved, That, Mr. W. A. Hodson, of No. 26 Brunswick Street, be appointed Constable and Park keeper on the Pittville Estate, on the terms and Conditions upon which applications were invited.

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Trees—The Committee inspected various trees on the Pittville Estate. Resolved, That instructions be given to have the following trees removed—

- (1) Dead elm by Chalet.
- (2) Elm on opposite side of road partly blown away.
- (3) Damaged elm by Axholme Villa, Pittville Road.
- (4) Damaged silver birch in Wellington Road.
- (5) 1 beech, 2 sycamores, 1 ash, and 1 chestnut tree which overhang the garden of Edgbaston House and interfere with the light, etc.
- (6) 1 chestnut near Lorraine House.

Resolved, Also, that the tree overhanging the wall of Cleveland House, Evesham Road, be trimmed.

Wild Flower Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Lock Mellersh was unable to continue the super-vision of the Wild Flower Garden which he had established and looked after for many years, but hoped that the Corporation would keep up the Garden as this was of great interest to botanists and others interested in the flora of the County. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the garden kept up and that the best thanks of this Committee be given to Mr. Mellersh for his services in forming and looking after the garden for so many years.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st August, 1912.**—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

2—Summer Concerts—Read, letters from Mr. L. G. Gunnell, on behalf of the Society of Authors and Composers of French Copyright Music with reference to the use of protected music by touring parties and bands at the Montpellier Gardens. The Society were willing to accept a sum of £5 5s. to cover all music used during the season, or the programmes could be forwarded to the Society each week and any copyright music used would be charged for in accordance with the scale submitted.

Mr. Newton reported that he was not aware that any French Copyright Music was used at the Concerts except by the Bands, each of which had a contract with the Society.

Resolved, That the Programmes be forwarded to the Society each week and that the fees for any copyright music used be paid in accordance with the scale, one half of such fees to be paid by Mr. Newton.

3—Promenade Long Garden—The Committee further considered the memorial received from occupiers of houses in the Promenade, asking that an entrance from the Promenade to the inner road should be made through the long garden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan showing an entrance through the space left for a Bandstand for consideration at the next meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th August, 1912.**—Present : Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report-- The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power with the following result :-15.6 candles. His test for purity showed 22 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Cheltenham (Extension) Electric Lighting Order, 1912—The Town Clerk reported that the Bill for confirming this Order had now received the Royal Assent. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed with laying the mains to Prestbury and Leckhampton as required by the Order, as soon as the sanction of the Local Government Board is received.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd August, 1912.**—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green and Merrett (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20 <sup>th</sup> August, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,774,000 gallons	1,271,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	488,000 “	369,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>116,000</u> “	<u>75,000</u> “
Total	2,378,000 “	1,715,000 “
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20 <sup>th</sup> August, 1912			20 <sup>th</sup> August, 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		24,144,000 gallons		11,828,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,024,000 “	16 ft. 0in.	30,353,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> “	5 ft. 0in.	<u>675,000</u> “
		125,789,000 “		42,856,000 “

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th August, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Diseases amongst Animals.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew—Superintendent Hopkins reported that as instructed at the last meeting, proceedings had been taken against Mr. Meyrick of Syde, for exposing for sale gooseberries affected with American Gooseberry Mildew, and that he had been fined and 10s 6d costs.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain reported that on the 23rd ultimo, the Brigade was called to assist in extinguishing a serious fire at Messrs. Matthews' Cabinet Manufactory, Gloucester. Brigade Expenses, £25 4s. 0d. Read, letters, from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, and the Chief Officer of the Gloucester Fire Brigade, expressing appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the Brigade.

4—Applications for Motor Bus Licences—Read, applications from the Bristol Tramways, &c., Company, for a licence to run a Motor Bus with an hourly service from the junction of Lansdown Road with Queen's Road, along the Promenade, Colonnade, High Street and Hewlett Road to the corner of Cemetery Road, and also from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for a licence to run a Motor Bus between the Midland Station and the Colonnade. Resolved, That consideration of the applications be adjourned to the next Meeting when the other applications for Taxi-Cab and Motor Bus Licences will be considered.

5—Light Railway—Waiting Roost on Leckhampton Route—Read, a letter from Messrs. Webb Bros., stating that they were prepared to provide a Waiting Room in the Leckhampton Road, about 200 yards from the Norwood Arms if the Council would alter the Tram Stage so as to enable the cars to stop outside the proposed Waiting Room instead of near the Norwood Arms. Read, a letter from the Light Railway Company stating that the present stage near the Norwood Arms at the junction of Leckhampton and Shurdington Roads was very convenient, and that Waiting Room accommodation was provided at the Post Office near. Resolved, That the Committee do not see any reason to make any alteration in the present stage.

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6—Fruit Market—Read a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, complaining of pilfering, &c., at the Fruit Market and asking that a Constable should be in attendance Market during the Sales. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to arrange for the Constable on duty in the neighbourhood to give as much attention to the Market during the Sales as possible.

7—Shops Act, 1912—Appointment of Inspector—The Chairman reported the result of his interview with the Chief Constable with reference to the Inspector of Weights and Measures undertaking the duties of Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912. Resolved, That Mr. Frank Taylor, Inspector of Weights and Measures, be appointed Inspector for the Borough under the Shops Act, 1912, at a salary of £20 per annum, the appointment to be determinable by three months' notice on either side.

8—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Mr. Harry Higgins, of 314 High Street, for the renewal of his Pawnbrokers' Certificate, which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9—Licence to Store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium—Read, an application from Messrs. W. Mills & Sons, Ltd., of 37 and 38 Winchcombe Street, for licences to store 350 gallons of Petroleum and 112 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium. Resolved, That Licences be granted, subject to the store being constructed to the satisfaction of the Petroleum Inspector.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

**MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th August, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Merrett, Sawyer and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st July, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	287 6 3 5	Expenses ... ..	190 7 5
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>176 6 8</u>
	£287 6 3		£366 14 1

Charges for use of Swimming Bath for Meetings—The Committee considered the charges to be made for the use of the covered Swimming Bath for Meetings, &c., during the Winter Season, and also a letter from Mr. T. H. Poynton, of the King's Hall, complaining of the low charges made for the room. Resolved, That the charges be the as last year, viz 4s an hour with a minimum payment of 15s for each letting, but that an additional charge 2s an hour be made when the Lounge is used.

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Brine Baths—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Charity Organization Society, enquiring whether the Corporation Brine Baths could be available for poor persons at a reduced fee. Resolved, That patients recommended by the Charity Organisation Society be charged 1s 6d per bath.

22—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st July, 1912, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	... 262 4 11	Expenses ... ..	132 14 11
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>111 13 4</u>
	£262 4 11		£244 8 3

3—Mineral Waters----The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during July last was 1532 as compared with 1880 for the month of July, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during July last was 247 as compared with 216 for the corresponding month of last year.

4—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary, St. Paul's United Association Football Club, stating that owing to the Club being disbanded, they would not require the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Applications were received from the Naunton Park Rugby and the Emmanuel and the Naunton Park (Wednesday) Association Football Clubs, for permission to play at Naunton Park Recreation Ground; also from Martyn's Athletic (first and second teams), the Salem and the Lombardians (Wednesday) Association Football Clubs to play at Agg-Gardner Recreation



Ground. Resolved, That the application of Martyn's Athletic Club be not granted and that the other applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd August, 1912**—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Giles Henry Draper, and Mary Elizabeth Allen and Henrietta Maria Teague. Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of John Hodding Davis.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th August, 1912.** Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Winterbotham and Wilkins (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 27th instant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £20,536 4s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £3959 1s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next was read. Amount collected 10537 18s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £2711 4s. 11d.

3—Purchase and Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £300 of Cheltenham Corporation Stock at 80  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £300 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished and that the National Provincial Bank of England, Ltd., the Registrars of the said Stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

4—Audit of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that from the 30th ulto. to the 1st instant, he had audited the 3 per cent. Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found the same in order and that he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue Authorities as to stamp duty.

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £200 and £400 on loan at  $3\frac{5}{8}$  per cent. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of the Electric Lighting £10,667 Loan and £10,000 Water Loan respectively.

He also reported that the loans on account of which the reciprocal loan of £2600 with the Great Yarmouth Corporation, was advanced had expired, and that the latter Corporation desired to continue the loan in respect of other authorised loans. Resolved, That the loan be continued subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk.

Read, a letter from Mr. A. Lionel Lane, Solicitor, on behalf of Mrs. Henegan, asking the Corporation to accept three months' notice for the repayment of £1000 advanced by her at  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., instead of requiring six months' notice as provided by the terms of the Debenture. Resolved, That Mr. Lane be informed that the Committee will accept three months' notice, subject to his client paying the difference between  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent., for 3 months.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 26th July last	£12,582 11 4
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £600)	<u>25,275 9 11</u>
	£37,858 1 3
Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds invested, £2970, and Purchase of Stock, £850 15s. 6d)	<u>£16,956 10 10</u>
	In Hand £20,901 10 5
being General Accounts	£17,684 11 6
Sinking Fund Accounts	2782 1 3
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>434 17 8</u>
	£20,901 10 5

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town. Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 2nd September, 1912, at 3 p.m.**

Present :

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY  
EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN  
WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD  
THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd August last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th August last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th August last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th July and 21st August last be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th August last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd August last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th August last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That the portion of Minute No. 1 relating to Charges for the use of Montpellier Swimming Bath for Meetings be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

9—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th August last, be approved and confirmed, and that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

11—Education Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £2000 for providing Cookery and Laundry Centres at Naunton Park and Gloucester Road Schools and for the purchase and alteration of Marlborough House for a Cookery, Laundry and Housewifery Centre.

Mayor.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 7th October, 1912.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th September, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Hanson-Powell, Rees Jones, Stewart. Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 1 to 9, Cakebridge Terrace, 12, Sidney Street, 31, Russell Street, 1, Burton Street, 22, Tivoli Street, and 19, Queen Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 2 Columbia Street and 2 Wood's Court, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 1 to 5 Cakebridge Terrace, 55 Worcester Street and 47 Burton Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc. at 40 and 42 St. James' Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-1 to 9, Cakebridge Terrace, 55 Worcester Street, 47, Burton Street and 2, Orchard Place. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 19th ultimo, 2 boxes of Fish (weight 196 lbs.) and on the 22nd ultimo, 4 hind quarters of beef (weight 612 lbs) had been surrendered and destroyed as unfit for human food.

7—Common Lodging House in Grove Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulder, offering the Common Lodging House, in Grove Street for Sale to the Corporation for £1200. Resolved, That the purchase be not entertained.

8—Flooding of Houses in Moorend Grove—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking for the observations of the Town Council on a letter from Mrs. Yewens, with reference to the flooding of Moorend Grove. A letter was also received from Mr. G. F. Bick on the same matter. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

9—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair.)

Farms Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 9th inst. was 21 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 140 head of cattle, 185 sheep and 11 pigs all doing very well. 1 in-calf cow had been purchased for £11. 25 head of cattle (including 5 calves) had been sold for £345 11s. 5d., 28 sheep for £59 10s. 0d. and 1 store pig for £1 4s. 0d. (Total sales £406 5s. 5d.) 7 ½ tons of hay had been sold at £6 per ton. The fruit had been sold for £16. 3 calves had been bred on the Farms.

He recommended that two new wagon sheets be purchased, also a second-hand sheet for covering ricks from Mr. W. W. Taylor for £5. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase the sheets.

Resolved, also, That the remainder of the Hay be offered to the Street and Highway Committee for the Central Depot at £6 10s. 0d, per ton, and that the Farms Manager be authorised to sell any not required at the same price. Resolved also, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on the 17th instant. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Sewage Purification Works—The following tenders were received for completion of the sewage purification works at Hayden Farms, namely : for constructing three sewage tanks and eight filter beds, and alternative tenders for constructing one sewage tank and four filter beds, namely :

Contractor	Complete Scheme	Alternative Scheme
Tilt Bros., Bromsgrove	£16,335 5 4	£7,983 9 11
Riley, J., Cheltenham	£16,567 2 9	£8,135 12 10
Hill, A. & Co., Kidderminster ...	£16,837 7 3	£8,178 10 3
Cunliffe, W. & Sons, Ltd., Birmingham	£16,964 6 11	£8,267 17 5
Williams, Mark & Co., Cheltenham	£17,552 4 11	£8,487 6 4
Currall, Lewis & Martin Ltd., Birmingham.	£18,127 0 0	£9,095 0 0
Pattinson & Sons, Ltd., London...	£18,175 2 7	£8,934 13 7
Chamberlain, C., Leicester	£18,996 3 0	£9,684 17 7
Cresswell, Win., Cheltenham ... ..	£19,095 2 5	£9,163 3 5
Mason, T. J., Stourbridge ..	£19,228 4 4	£8,435 10 10
Johnson, Bros., Gloucester	£21,194 0 2	£10,373 17 6
Davies, B. M. & Co., Swansea	Tender too late (not opened).	

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Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Tilt & Sons, for completing the while scheme for £16385 5s. 4d. be accepted, subject to a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being executed and a bond with two sufficient sureties for due performance.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd September, 1912**-Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-1 to 9 (both inclusive) and West Cottage, St. George's Avenue, 44 Townsend Street, 31 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Swindon Place and 9 St. George's Avenue-Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12 -Cleansing and Limewashing at 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38 Swindon. Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 17 ½, Burton Street, 50, Francis Street, Devonshire House, New Street, Plough Hotel Stables, Smith's Riding School, Regent Street, and Regent Cottage, Regent Street.-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14-Insanitary Property-44 Townsend Street, 1 and 2 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, 6 to 24 (both inclusive), Swindon Place, and 25 to 38, (both inclusive), Swindon Passage. - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-12 Brunswick Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the house be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Passage.-Demolition Order-The Medical Officer of Health reported that no steps had been taken to render 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Passage, in respect of which a Closing Order was made by the Council, on the 3rd June last, fit for human habitation and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention to consider on the 11th November next, the question of making an order for the demolition of the premises.

16--Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 11th inst., of the carcase and offal of 2 tuberculous pigs (308 lbs.), and on the 21st inst., 140 lbs. of unsound cod fish.

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Frederick Thomas Agass, of 68 Stanhope Street to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

18—Flooding of Houses in Moorend Grove—With reference to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting, as to the flooding of houses in Moorend Grove, the Borough Surveyor recommended that a drain should be laid to take the surface water from the three houses affected into the existing surface water drain in Moorend Park Road, at a cost of about £50. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

19 —Flooding of Merestones Road—On the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, Resolved, That a surface water drain be laid in Merestones Road, at a cost of £60, and that the cost be charged to the South Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers Loan Account.

20—Sewage Purification Works—Read, letters from Messrs. Tilt Bros., stating that owing to the increase in the price of cast iron pipes they were unable to carry out the Sewage Purification Works in accordance with their tender, viz : £16,385 5s. 4d., and would require the Corporation to pay any increase in the price of these and other materials up to the time of the signing of the Contract and would also require certain other modifications in the conditions of contract. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of this Committee at its last Meeting accepting Messrs. Tilt Bros., tender be rescinded and that the tender of Mr. J. Riley, of £16,567 2s. .9d., be accepted subject to his entering into a formal Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk and a Bond with two sufficient Sureties for due performance.

21—Staff in Health Department—The letter from the Local Government Board enquiring what the Council proposed to do in connection with the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health as to an increase in the staff in his Department and as to the remuneration of the Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances, was further considered. The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the matter, submitted draft reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

22—Offensive Trade—Read, Memorials signed by several of the Butchers slaughtering at the Abattoir, also the owners and occupiers of Severn Hill, Gloucester Road, and also a letter from Mr. Chas. C. Castle, objecting to any proposal for establishing a Receiving House for Raw Hides and Skins at the Cheltenham Market.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th September, 1912.** Present :—  
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Betided in the Chair).

1—Promenade Wood Paving—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board Sanctions for loans of £2,491 (for the wood blocks in Promenade) repayable within ten years, and £1,336 (for the Concrete Foundation) repayable within twenty-one years.

A letter was also received from the Acme Flooring and Paving Co., Ltd., stating that owing to another contract they could not start the work for two or three weeks. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange with the Contractors to start the work as soon as possible.



2—Hay for Central Depot—Resolved, That an offer be made to the Farms Committee to take a further 30 tons of hay at £6 per ton.

3—Monson Avenue—Trees—Read, a letter from Messrs. Milward & Sons, asking that the trees overhanging their Ware-house roof should be lopped. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees lopped in the Autumn.

4—Merestones Road, The Park—Read, a letter from Mr. W. R. Carles, calling attention to the flooding of Merestones Road and a portion of the road in The Park. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be asked to have the surface water drain laid in Merestones Road which was provided for in the loan for the Sewerage of the South Eastern District.

5—Contract for Brooms—Read, a letter from Messrs. Joyner & Son, alleging that the brooms supplied to the Corporation by the present Contractors were not up to the standard of the sample. Resolved, That a copy of their letter be forwarded to the Contractors for their observations therein.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th September, 1912,** Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Bendall, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th August to the 26th September, 1912 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Evesham Road (proceeding), Portland Street (3540 square yards), St. George's Road (proceeding) St. James's Square (360 square yards).

Roads Patched—Andover Road, Arle Road, Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Manchester Street, Montpellier Spa Road, New Street, Pittville Crescent (rear) Sherborne Street, Sydenham Road North, Swindon Road and Winchcomb Street.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Bath Road, Bayshill Terrace, College Lawn, Crescent Terrace, High Street, Imperial Square, Tewkesbury Road and Winchcomb Street.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Cemetery Road, Douro Road, Grosvenor Place S., Pittville Street and Prestbury Road.

Water Trench Repaired—Six Chimney Lane. Roads Tar Painted—All Saints' Road (4930 square yards), Clarence Road (1615 square yards), Clarence Square (3093 square yards), Montpellier Grove (1253 square yards), Montpellier Parade (1500 square yards), Montpellier Villas (1410 square yards), Oriel

Road (4310 square yards), Painswick Road (6855 square yards), Shurdington Road (6825 square yards), Suffolk Road (5630 square yards), Wellington Square (3752 square yards).

New Slab Paving—Bath Road (350 square yards), and Promenade (proceeding). Paving repaired—Baker Street, Cleveland Street, Brunswick Street, Croft Street, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Spa Road, St. George's Place, St. Luke's Place, and Suffolk Parade. New Herb and Channel—Bath Road, a distance of 150 lineal yards.

Kerbing repaired—Bath Road and Overton Park. Channelling repaired—Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Terrace (rear of), and Suffolk Parade. Crossings repaired-5. Manhole Cover renewed-1. New Gulley Grate and Frame fixed--1.

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Trees pruned—Albert Road, Albion Street, All Saints' Road, Ambrose Street, Cemetery Road, Clarence Road, Clarence Square, Evesham Road, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Road, King's Road, Monson Avenue, Pittville Circus, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Crescent, Pittville Lawn, Prestbury Road, Priory Street, . Promenade, Selkirk Street, Sydenham Roads North and South, Sydenham Villas Road, Tewkesbury Road, Wellington Road and Wellington Square.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 19th September, 1912-1012 loads collected, 998 consumed and 14 tipped away. Weight consumed-1054 tons, 2 cwts. 3 qrs. Steam generated—Hourly average 7,125 lbs.

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Kendall, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

8—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9--Street Projections—Read, applications from the Cheltenham Gas Company for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 20 Pittville Street, T. W. Sollis to place a lamp outside No. 11 Winchcomb Street, and H. Higgins & Co., to place a lamp outside No. 313 High Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, an application from the Rev. H. Knox for permission to place a sign outside St. James' Mission Room, Upper Bath Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

10—Flooding of Hewlett Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had agreed to allow half the cost of the 15-inch drain proposed to be laid in Cemetery Road to be charged to the Main Roads Account. The cost of laying the drain would be £200. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

11—Weighbridge in Bath Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., for permission to construct a weighbridge in the Bath Road, opposite 93 Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

12—Pavement Light—Read, a letter from Mr. T. R. Edwards, for permission to place a pavement light in the footpath opposite No. 2 Hamilton Place. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into.

13—Promenade Wood Paving—Read, a letter from the Acme Flooring and Wood Paving Co., stating that owing to pressure of work they were unable to state definitely when they would be able to commence the wood paving in the Promenade Resolved, That the work be deferred until September next, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the carriageway repaired with macadam.

14—Naunton Parade and Asquith and Churchill Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specifications, Plans and Estimates of the Works required to be done to the above Streets. Resolved, That the same be approved : and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

15—Footpath in Leckhampton Road near Fairfield Park Road—Read, a letter from Mr. A. A. Cheeseman, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Leckhampton Road, near Fairfield Park Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out.

16—Trees and Seats in Promenade—Read, a letter from the President and Hon. Secretaries, Visitors Accommodation Bureau asking that the trees in the Promenade should be thinned and lopped, and that more Police Supervision should be given to prevent the seats being used by disorderly boys and girls. Resolved, That the question of the trees be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee and that the attention of the Police be called to the nuisance complained of in regard to the seats.

17—Trees in Eldorado Road and College Road—Read, letters from Mr. H. W. Chatters, asking that the trees in Eldorado Road should be lopped and from Mrs. Moles, asking that a tree opposite Vanstone, College Road, should be removed Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

18—Electric Light Pillar, Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That the application of the Borough Electrical Engineer to place an Electric Light Pillar on the footpath in Winchcomb Street, opposite Highbury Church be acceded to.

19-15 Ambrose Street—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Ursell, giving notice to terminate his tenancy of No. 15 Ambrose Street, on the 25th December next. Resolved, That the premises be placed in the hands of the House Agents to let.

20—Priory Place—Read, a letter from Mr. St. J. L. Clowes, calling attention to the condition of the road and footpath in Priory Place. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider that any repairs are at present required.

21—The Park (From Tudor Lodge to Moorend Park Road)—Read, a letter from Commander Smythies asking that attention should be given to the footpath from Tudor Lodge to Moorend Park Road. Resolved, That provision be made in next year's estimate for repaving the footpath in question.

22—Arle Road from Gloucester Road to Avenue Villas)—Read, a letter from Councillor Hanson Powell calling attention to this footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Plan and Estimate of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

23—Brandon Terrace—Read, a Memorial from the owners and occupiers in Brandon Terrace, asking for the repair of the footpath opposite their houses. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the footpath at their next View Meeting.

24—Advertisement Hoarding, Ambrose Street—Read, a letter from Mr. C. W. McVitie of 7 Ambrose Street, objecting to the hoarding erected on land belonging to the Corporation at the side of No. 1 St. George's Square. and suggesting that the strip of land should be paved and thrown into the footpath.

25—Building in Cemetery Road—The Building Inspector reported that Mr. Gilbert Boulton had erected a building in Cemetery Road, opposite the Cemetery, without having first submitted plans Resolved, That notice be given Mr. Boulton to show cause why the building should not be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### **PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 27th September, 1912.** Present :  
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1103	C. Bullock & Co.	Extension of Garage at 49 Winchcomb Street (amended plans).
1114	J. K. Murray	New Shop Front, 2 Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road.
1115	W. Nash Skillicorne	Extension of Van Cover, rear of 50 St. George's Place.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1116	W. A. Dagley	Shed at Rosetta Cottage, Swindon Road.
1117	F. H. Collins	Motor House at " Berwyn," Christ Church Road.
1118	G. Boulton	Shed in Cemetery Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1103, 1114 and 1115 be approved, that Plans No. 1117 be approved subject to a paved crossing over the footpath being provided and that Plans No. 1116 and 1118 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th September, 1912—Present :**  
Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, and Sawyer (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Musical Afternoons—The Committee considered the arrangements to be made for the Musical Afternoons during the coming Season. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration at a Special Meeting.

2—Pittville Gardens—Heating of Green House—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders received for removing the existing stoneware pipes and substituting cast iron pipes for heating the large greenhouse at Pittville, viz :

J. Such & Sons	£38 15 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd.	£37 7 6
Stephens & Finch ...	£36 10 6

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs Stephens & Finch be accepted.

3—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, an application from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Bowling Club for the use of the Bowling Green during next season. Resolved, That the Cheltenham Bowling Club be granted the use of the green for next season on the same terms as for last season, viz : The Club to pay a rent of £10 (to include the use of a room for the storage of the woods) and to pay at the usual rate for any water used and to keep the green in good order during the Season and until the commencement of the following Season and not to permit the erection thereon of any tent or other structure, the Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the green at any time upon giving reasonable Notice to the Club and also the right to terminate the letting at any time by one month's notice, if the ground is required for building purposes, in which case a proportionate abatement shall be made in the rent.

4—Visitor's Information Bureau—Read, a letter from the President and Secretaries of the Visitors' Information Bureau stating that at the Annual Meeting of the Bureau it was suggested that a Central

Office should be established with Reading, Writing and Cloakrooms, where all information respecting the Town could be obtained and that a Joint Committee of representatives of the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce and the Bureau should be formed to consider the matter and asking the Council to make a grant towards the Bureau. They also asked that the trees in the Promenade should be thinned and lopped, and that more Police supervision should be given to prevent the seats being misused. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out that the Committee have already appointed two representatives on the Committee of the Bureau by whom the proposals can be considered, but the Committee cannot promise that any grant will be made by the Town Council. Resolved, also, That the complaints as to the seats and trees in the Promenade be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

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5—Automobile Club Year Book—Read, a letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow, Ltd., asking for the renewal of the advertisement in the Automobile Club Year Book at a cost of 5s. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed.

6—Winter Garden—Termination of Gillsmiths Tenancy—Resolved, That the Committee meet at the Winter Garden on Friday next, at 10 a.m., to inspect the premises.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Winter Garden, on Friday, the 27th September, 1912**—Present: Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

7—Winter Garden—Termination of Gillsmiths Tenancy—Mr. C. G. Smith attended the Meeting and proposed that the Corporation should take over the Cinematograph Chamber, the awning, the side platform or bandstand and barriers, dressing boxes and cycle shed and settee with stand for same, in lieu of requiring the completion of the floor in the two transepts which was not wanted for any purpose for which the Building was likely to be used. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd October, 1912.** Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

8—Musical Afternoons—The Committee further considered the arrangements to be made for the coming season, Season—Resolved, That the Season commence on the 21st instant and end on Thursday, the 20th March, 1913, the Concerts to be held in the Town Hall, or Montpellier Baths when the Town Hall is engaged, on each week-day (except Saturday), from 3.15 to 5.15, except that the Friday Classical Concert be held in the Winter Garden (if available) when the Town Hall is engaged.

Subscriptions—Resolved, That the terms of Subscription and Admission be as follows :

Family Subscription Ticket (limited to four persons)	£1 11 6
Single Season Ticket	0 10 6
Do. do. for Children under 16 years	0 5 0
Single Admission ...	0 0 6
Book of Thirteen Tickets	0 6 0

Orchestra—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Horace Teague to provide an Orchestra of 12 performers, to be augmented to 17 on Fridays (including in each case Mr. Teague as Conductor) for £20 per week be accepted, the Corporation to pay in addition £2 9s. 6d., part cost of insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and also half the insurance payable by Mr. Teague under the National Insurance Act.

Manager—The Committee considered the applications for the appointment of Manager of the Concerts. Resolved, That Mr. A. W. Newton be appointed Manager of the Concerts, and receive a commission of 5 per cent., on subscriptions and entrance money.

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Refreshment Bights—Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd., of £21 for the sole right to supply Refreshments at the Concerts be accepted.

Programmes—Resolved, That the offer of £15 of Messrs. Norman Bros., for the sole right to publish and sell the programmes at the Concerts be accepted.

Printing—Resolved That the tender of the " Looker On " Printing Works for the printing required during the Season be accepted, viz :—

For 2000 3-page Circulars ...	£1 15 0
" 100 3-Sheet Quad Crown Bills	1 15 0
" 50 Insets for above each week	0 5 6

Notice Board—Resolved That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for providing a Notice Board outside the Town Hall, for announcing the Concerts, &c.

9—Winter Garden—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Gillsmiths Ltd., to sell the Electric Cable fixed at the Winter Garden for £8 be accepted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th September, 1912.**—Present: Councillors Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power on the 11th instant, with the following result :-16 candles. His test for purity on the 0th instant showed 23 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of energy to Rosenhoe, Moorend Road. The cost of the necessary extension of main would be 10s and the owner was willing to guarantee a minimum payment of per annum for three years. Resolved, That the Engineer be authorised to make the extension.

4—Motor Generator—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the final tests of the Motor Generator had now been carried out and had proved quite satisfactory. The full-load efficiency slightly exceeded the guarantee, and he had now issued his final certificate.

5—London Road Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. F. C. Dodwell had given permission for a pipe to ventilate the Sub-Station in London Road, to be placed in the garden of Buena Vista, Hayward's Road, subject to the Corporation paying an annual acknowledgment of 1s and also undertaking to remove the pipe on 3 months' notice. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to give the Undertaking required.

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6—Lighting of Old Bath Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. E. Wilkins, asking that another lamp should be put in Old Bath Road, near the new house built by him. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Public Lighting—Resolved, That a View Meeting be held on Monday, the 14th proximo, at 6.45.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd October, 1912.** Present : Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

8—Charges for Power—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report recommending that the charge for energy supplied for power (including cooking and heating) should be reduced to a penny per unit. He was satisfied that the reduced price would lead to a largely increased demand for power and prove as remunerative as in other similar Towns, where a like charge was made. Resolved, That the charge for energy for power be reduced to one penny per unit (except for supplies wholly or mainly required during the time of the peak load) and that the reduction take effect as from the usual date of the reading of the meters for the September quarter.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.



## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th September, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Earengy, Green and Merrett (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	498,000 gallons	340,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	1,761,000 “	1,510,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>109,000</u> “	<u>47,000</u> “
Total	2,368,000 “	1,897,000 “

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		20 <sup>th</sup> September, 1912			20 <sup>th</sup> September, 1911
	Depth	Contents	Depth		Contents
Hewletts		23,731,000 gallons			10,823,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 10 ½in.	99,756,000 “	12 ft. 0in.		18,520,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,689,000</u> “	5 ft. 3in.		<u>684,000</u> “
		125,176,000 “			30,027,000 “

A length of 200 yards of 8 inch main had been laid in the Promenade from St. George's Road to the Queen's Hotel and four new hydrants had been fixed.

A length of 18 yards of 6 inch main had been laid across the Promenade at the lower end of the Long Garden.

A length of 104 yards of 4 inch main had been laid in Six Chimney Lane for the new supply to the Gas Works.

A length of 64 yards of 4 inch main had been laid to the Ladies College from Montpellier Street to improve the supply.

2—Land at Sandford—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the fence adjoining Keynsham Road renewed.

3—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer reported that the Paterson Filters had now been thoroughly tested for water-tightness and were now complete and in working order. An examination of the water taken from the filters on the 20th inst., proved very satisfactory.

4—Water Supply to Aston, Pamington and Fiddington and Walton Cardiff—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for a supply of water in bulk for the Parishes of Aston, Pamington and Fiddington, at a charge of 1s per 1000 gallons for a term of 30 years, all distributing mains being provided by the District Council. He also submitted draft agreement for supplying the Parish of Walton Cardiff on similar terms. Resolved, That the draft agreements as now settled be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to engrossments thereof.

5-3 Ferndale Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the agreement for the tenancy of No. 3 Ferndale Terrace, occupied by one of the Waterworks Employees, expired on the 1st instant, and that the landlord was willing to renew the agreement for a further term of 3 years on the same terms and conditions. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th September, 1912—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Diseases amongst Animals.

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2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 3rd instant the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 13 St. Philip's Street caused by boiling pitch on the kitchen fire. Damage £10. Brigade expenses £2 16s. 0d.

3—Applications for Taxi-Cab Licences—The Committee considered the applications for Taxi-Cab Licences. The following applicants were prepared to surrender one hackney carriage licence for each Taxi-Cab Licence granted : -

Queen's Hotel Company	2	Taxi-Cab Licences
W. T. Smith	2	“ “
C. Webb ...	2	“ “
C. Trinder...	1	“ Licence

Resolved, That the Licences be issued subject to a hackney carriage licence being given up for each Taxi-Cab Licence granted and to the cabs being inspected and approved by the Sub Committee.

Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, and Councillor Stroud be appointed a Sub Committee to inspect the cabs and that they be empowered to grant the necessary Taxi-Cab Drivers' Licences.

Resolved, also, That the applications of the Bristol Tramways, etc. Company and the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Company for Motor Omnibus Licences and the applications of the Bristol Tramways, etc. Company, Lansdown Motor Company, H. E. Steel, Ltd., and F. Jones for Taxi-Cab Licences be adjourned for further consideration.

4--Licences to store Petroleum, etc.—On the report of the Inspector that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the following applications for the renewal of Licences to store petroleum and carbide of calcium be granted for one year from the 5th prox. :

Name	Place of Storage	Quantity Petroleum	Quantity Carbide
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19 Albion Street	250 gallons	112 lbs
Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	34 Promenade	250 "	5 cwt
Strettons Ltd.,	Cycle Works, Bath Road	250 "	168 lbs
A. Hughes & Co.	21 Pittville Street	50 "	
The Halford Cycle Co.	North Street		112 "
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105 High Street	400 "	200 "
H. G. Norton & Co.	416 High Street	200 "	280 "
H. G. Norton & Co.	Regent Street	1000 "	
J. Smith & Co.	104a High Street	50 "	
D. Davies	149 High Street	50 "	
T. W. Harvey	180 High Street	100 "	
A. Lusty	196 High Street	50 "	
Mrs. Bellamy	251 High Street	40 "	
S. A. Sperry	264 High Street	40 "	
J. Fisher & Sons	34 Winchcombe Street	100 "	
J. Fisher & Sons	59 Upper Bath Road	50 "	
C. J. Bullock	50 Winchcombe Street	500 "	
R. E- & C. Marshall	5 Clarence Street	450 "	
A. R. Doxsey & Sons	1 St. George's Parade	120 "	
E. S. Holloway	3 St. Mark's Emporium	100 "	
C. H. Reason	25 Lansdown Crescent	150 "	
Major P. Shewell	" Cotswold "	500 "	
J. Gapper	St. Bernard's Villa, Cleaveland St.	80 "	
G. Brown	Early Dawn Inn, Tewkesbury Rd.	130 "	
A. Miles	75 and 76 Winchcombe Street	200 "	
W. Mills & Sons, Ltd.	33 Winchcombe Street	350 "	112 lbs
W. T. Smith	Montpellier Mews	100 "	
T. V. West	83 High Street	40 "	
S. C. H. Dix & Co.	1 Northwick Terrace	20 "	

Read, a letter from the local Manager, Bristol Tramway, and Carriage Company stating that their permanent store in Spa Buildings Road was not yet completed and asking for a temporary licence to store 200 gallons of petrol for three months. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Read, an application from Mr. W. G. Baggs of 4 St. Lukes Road for a licence to store 20 gallons of petrol. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Shops' Act, 1912—Fruiterers and Greengrocers' Shops Closing Order--Objections received from Mr. S. Sharpe, Mr. T. Morris and Mrs. Pates to the making of an order fixing Wednesday at 1 p.m. with the alternative of Saturday, as the early closing day for the Fruiterers and Greengrocers' Shops, were considered. Resolved, That an Order in the terms of the draft Order now submitted be made, the Council being satisfied that it is expedient to make the Order and that the occupiers of at least two-thirds in number of the shops affected by the Order approved of the same and that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the Order for the confirmation of the Secretary of State.

6—Buckle's Charity—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission enclosing draft scheme for the administration of the Charity of the late John Charles Buckle which provided (interalia) for the erection of Almshouses in or near the Borough of Cheltenham and the payment of 10s a week in the case of a single almsperson, and 15s a week in the case of a married couple or two relatives or friends living together. The scheme provided for the appointment of 7 Trustees, two of whom were to be persons residing near the almshouses. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Commission suggesting that it was the Testator's intention to benefit persons living in the neighbour-hood and that the scheme should provide for local applications to receive special consideration and that definite provision should be made requiring notice of vacancies to be published locally. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

7—Association of Municipal Corporations—Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman of this Committee be appointed representatives of the Council to attend the Autumn Meeting of the Association on the 11th proximo.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th September, 1912.** Present—Alderman Norman, Councillor Steel and Stroud, Dr. E. Wilson and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 2200 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th July last.

Mrs. Griffith of " Oakfield," had presented an additional frame of pressed flowers.

The Egyptian Research Society had lent for exhibition a Roman Portrait, found in Egypt by Professor Petrie.

The Oil Paintings lent by Mr. C. W. Townshend and Mr. Ernest E. Boorne had been returned.

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Preparations were in progress for the hanging of the pictures by Modern Artists, from the Royal Academy and other sources, for the Autumn Exhibition. About 100 pictures had been promised.

2—Grant in Aid—Resolved, That an application be made to the Victoria and Albert Museum for a grant in aid of £50 for the purchase of objects for the Museum and that the Curator be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Bushnell the terms on which he is willing to dispose of his collection of ancient bronzes.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 5th September, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, an application from St. Mark's Association Football Club for permission to play on the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, on Wednesdays, also from the Cheltenham Wednesday Association Football Club to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

2—Montpellier Baths—Read, a Memorial from residents in the neighbourhood of the Baths complaining of the nuisance caused by the noise late at night when the Baths are let for Dances. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to request persons to whom the Baths may be let to avoid making unnecessary noise.

Charges for use of Swimming Bath for Meetings, etc.—The Committee further considered the charges for the use of the Swimming Bath for Meetings, &c., during the coming season. Resolved, That the charges be as follows, namely : 5s an hour (including lighting) with an additional charge of 2s 6d an hour for the lounge and an extra charge for cartage and use of chairs when these are required. The minimum charge for the Swimming Bath (exclusive of the Lounge) for an Afternoon Meeting to be 12ds 6 and for an Evening Meeting £1.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th September, 1912.** Present—Councillors Blakeney, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

3—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st August, 1912, were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.				
Receipts	233	7	0	Expenses ...	£250	0	3
				Interest & Redemption (Proportion) .	<u>220</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
	£233	7	0		£470	8	4

Charges for use of Swimming Bath for Meetings—Read, a Memorial asking the Committee to reconsider the proposed increased charges for the Swimming Bath for Meetings. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to the scale of charges fixed at the last Meeting.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st August, 1912, were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts	297	14	2	Expenses ... ..	171	0	5
				Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>139</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
	£297	14	2		£310	12	1

5—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during August last was 1031 as compared with 1844 for the month of August, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during August last was 192 as compared with 214 for the corresponding month of last year.

6—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. E. R. and C. G. Allen, of The Lindens, Prestbury, were willing to enter into an agreement to take the Alstone Swimming Bath for the use of the Badminton Clubs, with which they were associated during the winter months, for four Seasons at a rent of £60 per Season, to include labour for cleaning, marking the courts, etc., but not to include the cost of gas and heating which would be paid for by them. They would require the use of the room from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each week-day during the Season except Christmas day and Bank Holiday and in addition to have the use of the room from 6 to 8 p.m. if not required for other purposes by the Corporation, but they stipulated that it should not be let in the evening by the Corporation for roller skating or any other purpose which would spoil the floor for Badminton. He estimated the cost of providing a floor and other alterations required to make the room suitable at £200, and pointed out that while the room was being used for badminton persons attending the washing baths would have to use the side entrance through the premises of Messrs. Ride & Co.

Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be let on the terms arranged and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for laying the floor, etc.

HERBERT STROUD Chairman

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st October, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

7—Alstone Baths—Badminton and Tennis—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with Messrs. E. R. & C. G. Allen, for taking the Alstone Baths for Badminton and Tennis, Resolved, That the draft agreement be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment of the same (subject to permission being obtained for the public to use the entrance through the premises of Messrs. Ride & Co., to obtain access to the Washing Baths). Tenders for Covering Swimming Bath—The Committee considered the Tenders received for laying a wooden floor over the Swimming Bath :—

	£	s.	d.
Smith Bros	248	0	0
R. R. Skemp	235	15	0
E. Saunders & Sons .	227	0	0
R. R. Cumberland	196	0	0
Collins & Godfrey	186	0	0
Amos Wilson	167	0	0

Resolved, That (subject to arrangements being made for the use of the side entrance) the tender of Mr. Amos Wilson be accepted, subject to his entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

8—Montpellier Baths—Chairs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 200 folding chairs at a cost of £30.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th September, 1912**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase bulbs for the Flower Beds to the value of £1.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstones to graves of William and Elizabeth Carles, Thomas and Mary Ann Clark, Albert Thomas Perriam, Edwin Dunn and George Edwin and Frank John Dunn, Thomas Prew Waite. Memorial Crosses to graves of John Merryman, Elizabeth Sheen and Lisa Mary Gard. Kerbing to grave of Mary Ann Tavender. Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Charlotte E. Wallington.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th September, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Merrett and Steel, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A Miles, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 4s. 10d. Presentations—Gloucester-shire Education Committee (2 vols.), Lady Lee (2 vols.), Chas. Reinhardt (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1746, an increase of 309, as compared with the corresponding period of last year- The number of volumes issued from the Lending Department was 10231, an increase of 2061 as compared with last year.

2—**Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. Present—Alderman Rogers, (Chairman), Councillors Green and Merrett, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification and estimate for the outside painting required at the Library and the consideration of this was adjourned.

The Sub-Committee also received suggestions that the "Daily Herald" and "The Electrical Review" should be added to the list of periodicals taken for the News Room and it was decided to adjourn consideration of these suggestions.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st October, 1912.** Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).



1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 1st instant on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £22,629 4s. 2d. Voids, Abatements, etc. £1818 9s. 4d. Arrears carried forward £64 8s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 29th September was read. Amount collected £12,004 9s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £1290 8s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £200, £300 and £125 on loan for a term of 3 years at 3  $\frac{5}{8}$  %. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of Water and Education Loans.

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Read, a letter from Messrs. Heath & Eckersall, on behalf of Mrs. M. J. Margrett, asking the Corporation to accept three months' notice for the repayment of £1117 advanced by her at 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. instead of requiring six months' notice as provided by the terms of the Debenture. Resolved, That three months' notice be accepted subject to Mrs. Margrett paying the difference between 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. and 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. for three months.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Monmouthshire County Council desired to borrow £5740 for a term of 30 years at £3 16s. 3d. per cent. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £5740 be advanced to the Monmouth County Council on the terms mentioned.

The Borough Accountant also reported that the Salisbury Corporation desired to borrow £950 at 3  $\frac{7}{8}$  per cent., repayable by half yearly instalments of principal with interest, within a period of 10 years. Resolved, That subject to the Town Clerk approving the security offered, the sum of £950 be advanced to the Salisbury Corporation on the terms mentioned, out of the Sinking Funds.

5—National Insurance Act, 1911—The Town Clerk reported that the National Insurance Commissioners had issued a Certificate of Exception from the provisions of the Act, relating to the compulsory health insurance in compliance with the application made.

6—Agricultural Rates Act—The Town Clerk submitted Parliamentary Return asked for by the Local Government Board, showing for the year, 1911-12, the area in acres of the Borough and of the agricultural land as defined by the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, the total amount of rates collected and the amount of rates collected in respect of agricultural land. Resolved, That the same be forwarded to the Board.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 27th August last	£20,901 10 5
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £500)	<u>8,310 14 5</u>
	£29,212 4 10
Paid since that date	<u>15,173 1 5</u>
	In Hand £14,039 3 5
being General Accounts	£9,619 14 10
Sinking Fund Accounts	3976 18 7
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>442 10 0</u>
	£14,039 3 5

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th October, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors : JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Col. Rogers and Councillor Baker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd September last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 23rd September last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th September last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 25th and 27th September last, and 2nd October instant, be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th September last, and 2nd October instant, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th September last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th September last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th September last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved. That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 20th September last, and it October instant be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, of £186 for covering the Alstone Swimming Bath be accepted in place of the tender of Mr. Amos Wilson (Minute No. 7, Alstone Baths).

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10—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th September last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th September last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st October instant, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be Submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, the 9th November, 1912.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th October, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson-Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:- 8 and 9 Granley Cottages, 6 and 7 Swindon Road North, Tullock's Cottage, Swindon Road, 15 Grove Street, 14 King Street Gardens, 2 Naunton Villas, Naunton Lane, 28 and 31 Bloomsbury Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 59 Queen Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 14 and 13 Grove Street, 24 Great Norwood Street, 2 and 4, Teale's Court, Duke Street, 33, 62 and Cottage at rear of 33 Duke Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc. at 5 Bayshill Parade, 17, 19 & 61 Union Street, Fairview. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Devonshire House, New Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days.

5—Insanitary Property-10, 14, 15 & 16 Grove Street, 5 & 11 King Street Gardens, Cox's Cottage, Alstone, and 28 and 31 Bloomsbury Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--12 Brunswick Terrace—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to Messrs. Young and Gilding, on behalf of the owner of 12 Brunswick Terrace, and that they had agreed to a Closing Order being made. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling house is in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the owner.

1, 2, 3 and 4 Barnes Yard and Cottage at rear of 7 Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 11th inst., the carcase and offal of a pork pig (weight 91 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food.

8—Montpellier Gardens—A complaint was received of a nuisance caused by the dead leaves collected in the Lansdown District being tipped in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to give instructions for the leaves to be deposited elsewhere.

9—Sewage Disposal works—Applications were received from Mr. A. Godwin and Mr. A. G. Kearsey to take a quantity of sludge from the Sewage Disposal Works for their land. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of extending the main to Mr. Godwin's land would be about £50, and to Mr. Kearsey's land, £150, and that they were willing to pay a sum of and £15 per annum respectively for the sludge. Resolved, That the extension of main be made to Mr. Godwin's land subject to a payment of £5 per annum, and that the Chairman and Councillors Rees Jones and Steel be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect Mr. Kearsey's land and report to the next Meeting.

**10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst. (Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair.)

Farms Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 14th inst. was 19 horses (not including 6 at the Depot), 113 head of cattle, 151 sheep and 11 pigs all doing very well. 62 head of cattle (including 12 calves) had been sold for £46 8s. 4d., and 114 sheep for £244 12s. 8d. (Total sales £991 1s.) 24 head of Cattle (including 2 calves) had been purchased for £311 4s. 0d. 57 sheep for £94 10s. 0d., and 1 cart horse for (Total purchases £425 14s. 0d.) 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. A quantity of mangolds had been sold for £11 11s., Hay for £5 10s. 0d., and cabbage plants for £3 3s. 0d.

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Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to purchase two wagon sheets (30 yards each) at 2s and 1s 10d per yard, respectively.

Resolved, also, That the offer of the Street and Highway Committee to take 30 tons of hay at £6 per ton be accepted.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st October, 1912**—Present ; Aldermen Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

**11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles**—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-31, 31a and 31b Jersey Street, 3 Britannia Cottages, 8 Devonshire Street, 8, 9, 14, 18 and 28, Rutland Street.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

**12—Overcrowding at 21 Queen's Retreat**—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

**13—Cleansing and Limewashing at 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 28 and 45 Rutland Street, 31, 31a and 316 Jersey Street, 3 Britannia Cottages, Union Inn, Union Street, 4 Union Street, and 8 Devonshire Street.**—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the

above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 5, 6 and 7, Albion Parade, Market Street, 1 and 2 Albion Cottages, rear of Albion, Inn, Gloucester Road.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property-31, 31a and 31b, Jersey Street, 3 Britannia Cottages, Union Inn, Union Street, 4 Union Street, 8 Devonshire Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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16—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—1, 2, 3 and 4 Barnes Yard and Cottage at rear of 7 Grove Street.—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health, at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of 1, 2, 3 and 4 Barnes Yard, and Cottage at rear of 7 Grove Street. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation, until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the owner.

Two Cottages at Arle (formerly known as the Old School House)—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--Read, an application from Miss Alice Taylor, of 88 Tewkesbury Road to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 1st November, 1912.** Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in. the chair).

18—Sewage Disposal Works—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the correspondence he had had with Mr. J. Riley, with reference to his tender and reported that he had not been able to obtain a definite acceptance of the contract. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 20 of this Committee's proceedings at its Meeting on the 23rd September last accepting Mr. Riley's tender be rescinded and that the Tender of Messrs. A. Hill Co., of Kidderminster, of £16837 7s. 3d., be accepted subject to their entering into a formal Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk and a bond with satisfactory sureties for due performance.

The Borough Engineer reported that his estimate of £34,385 for the cost of the sewage disposal works would be exceeded owing to the increase in the cost of materials and labour since 1905 when his estimate was made. He submitted a revised estimate showing that an additional £4000 would be required.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a further loan of £4000.

An application was received from the Borough Engineer for additional remuneration in view of the large amount of extra work which would be involved in connection with the completion of the new works for Sewage Disposal. Resolved, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to take into favourable consideration the question of increasing the salary of the Borough Engineer.

19--Sludge—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. F. W. Brown had applied for a supply of sludge to the land in his occupation. Mr. Warren and Mr. Gabb also wished to obtain a supply. The cost of extending the main to the land of the three applicants would be £252. The applicants were willing to make an annual payment for the sludge which would give a return of about 10 per cent. on the outlay.

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Resolved. That an extension of the main be made subject to formal agreements being entered into with the owners and occupiers to take the sludge for a period of 10 years. Resolved also, That an extension of the main be made to supply the land belonging to Mr. Kearsey at a cost of £150, subject to his entering into an agreement to take a supply for 10 years at an annual payment of £15, and subject to the necessary wayleaves being obtained through the intervening land.

20—Staff in Health Department—Read, a letter from Mr. H. G. Chapman. Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, giving one month's notice to terminate his appointment as he had obtained appointment. Resolved, That a new Certificated Inspector be appointed at a salary of £35 rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £100. (2) That the salary of Mr. C. W. Clifford be increased from £75 to rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £100, and (3) That an office boy be obtained the Health Department at 5s per week rising by 2s 6d per week, per annum, to a maximum of £1

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.



## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Tuesday, the 15th October, 1912.** Present:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Mann and Merrett (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. J. W. Danby, of 2a Regent Street, for permission to substitute an illuminated sign for the present signboard outside his premises. Resolved. That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

2—Gas Trenches—The Borough Surveyor reported that having regard to the increased wages paid to the workmen in the Highways Department, he had been in communication with the Gas Company with a view to an increase in the charges paid by the Company to the Corporation for excavating and reinstating the gas trenches and that they had agreed to increase the charge for measured work from 103. to 11 ½ d. per lineal yard, and from 5 ¼ d. to 5 ¾ d. per hour for day work. Resolved, That the arrangement made by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

3—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Russell Co. had now refused to take the waste paper unless this was pressed into bales in which case they were prepared to enter into a Contract to take the paper at 14s per ton for a term of 5 years, the contract to be then determinable by 6 months notice on either side. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a press for baling the paper at a cost of £32.

4—Promenade—Read, a letter from Miss Gooding suggesting that the wood paving in the Promenade should not be carried out during the second and third weeks of August when the Congress of the British Chess Federation would be held in Cheltenham. Resolved, That arrangements be made with the Contractors to commence the work on the 5th August next.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th October, 1912.** Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th September to the 24th October, 1912 (both dates inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Bath Road (560 square yards), Evesham Road (7,170 square yards), Promenade (4,000 square yards). Roads patched—Malvern Street, Priory Street, Royal Well Lane, Sun Street and Worcester Street.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Dale's Road, Lansdown. Road, Leamington Place, Montpellier Street, Moorend Road, Regent Street, Trafalgar Street and Winchcomb Street. Gas Trenches repaired—King Street and Promenade (inner road). New Slab Paving laid—Promenade (342 square yards).

Paving repaired—High Street, Leckhampton Road, Park Place, and Sydenham Villas Road. New Kerbing fixed—Leckhampton Road (200 lineal yards), Promenade (300 lineal yards). New Kerbs fixed to trees—Leckhampton Road (50 lineal yards), Promenade (150 lineal yards). New Channelling laid—Leckhampton Road (200 lineal yards). Channelling repaired—London Road.

Street Crossings repaired-7. New Gullies fixed-10. Manhole Cover renewed-1, Water Boxes paved round-9. Surface Water Drains laid—Battledown Approach (380 lineal yards), Moorend Grove (156 lineal yards).

Trees pruned—Bayshill Road, College Road, Eldorado Crescent, Ewlyn Terrace, Gloucester Road, Greville Terrace, Hewlett Road, Imperial Square, Leckhampton Road, Monson Avenue, Pittville Lawn, Princes Road, Queen's Road, St. Luke's Road, and Wellington Square (rear of).

Trees felled—Gloucester Road (1 elm), Langdon Road (1 birch), Leckhampton Road (2 limes, 1 sycamore, 1 elm), Montpellier Street (1 acacia), Malvern Road (1 birch), Prestbury Road (1 acacia), The Park (1 elm, 1 sycamore).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 17th October, 1912-841 loads collected, 838 consumed and 3 tipped away. Weight consumed-923 tons, 3 cwts., 1 qr. Steam generated—Hourly average 8,281 lbs.

Slab Factory—During one week ended the 17th October, 1912, 376 ¼ lineal feet of blocks made for sewage filters.

6—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 15th and 28th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Street Projections—Read applications from Mr. B. Singleton, of No. 43 Upper Bath Road, for permission to place 2 lamps outside his premises, and the Cheltenham Gas Co., to place lamps outside No. 87 Winchcombe Street and 211 High Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

8—Ashes Collection and Disposal—The Borough Surveyor reported that the quantity of house refuse consumed at the Destructor during the first half of the current financial year was 762 tons in excess of the quantity consumed in the previous year, and 626 tons in excess of the average quantity for the corresponding period during the past 3 years, and consequently the cost of disposal of the refuse had been increased, The increased quantity was no doubt due to the cold summer.

9—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Balance Sheet of the work of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended the 26th September, 1912.

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Surplus brought forward from 28th March, 1912	£439 14 11
Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended 26th September, 1912 :	
To Private Customers ... ..	226 3 10
“ Corporation Departments...	220 4 10
“ Private Improvement Works	<u>59 4 9</u>
	Total £505 13 5
Less used in Bath Road for which no charge is made	<u>£75 3 11</u>
	£430 9 6
Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other departments	£ 24 16 6
Slabs in stock, 26th Sept., 1912, under cost price ... ..	1449 8 9
Kerbs, etc., including blocks for sewage filters under cost price ...	945 5 9
Value of Cement and other materials in stock, 26th September, 1912 ...	<u>59 8 1</u>
	£3,349 3 6

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Slabs in stock, 28th March, 1912, under cost price ... ..	£1715 0 3
Kerbs, etc., including blocks for sewage filters under cost price ...	741 8 11
Value of cement and other materials in stock, 28th March, 1912	43 13 1
Wages and Materials for half-year ended 26th September, 1912 ...	351 11 4
Rates, Taxes and Insurance do. (estimated)	12 3 9
Interest and Sinking Fund do. do.	120 17 6
Surplus...	<u>£364 8 8</u>
	£3,349 3 6

NOTE.-Value of Slabs, etc., for street improvements as above for which no charge is made £75 3 11

Do.	Do.	Do. (previously)	<u>£1088 8 6</u>
			Total £1,163 12 5

10—Motor Traffic—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Wood Green Urban District Council asking the Corporation to appoint delegates to attend a Conference of Local Authorities in London with reference to the large increase of the cost of the upkeep and maintenance of roads caused by heavy motor car traffic. The Town Clerk reported that this question was under consideration of the Association of Municipal Corporations. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Contract for Brooms—**The Stores Sub-Committee** reported that they met at the Central Depot, on the 22nd instant (Present—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Stewart) with reference to the allegation of Messrs. Joyner & Sons that the brooms being supplied by the Birmingham Blind Institution, were not up to the standard of the sample. After hearing Mr. R. Joyner and a representative of the Blind Institution, who attended the Meeting, the Sub-Committee were satisfied that there was no cause to complain of the quality of the brooms supplied.

12—Building in Cemetery Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to Mr. G. Boulton, to show cause why the Building erected by him in Cemetery Road, in contravention of the Byelaws should not be altered or pulled down. Mr. Boulton attended the Meeting and expressed regret for having erected the building without first submitting plans for approval and offered to remove the building if required. Resolved, That Mr. Boulton be required to remove the building.

13—Leckhampton Road—Read, a Memorial from Mr. F. W. Edwards of Whitley, Leckhampton Road, and others, calling attention to the condition of the footpaths in Leckhampton Road, particularly from the Norwood Arms to the Station Bridge. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that instructions have been given for the repaving of the footpath from the Norwood Arms to Croft Street, and that the question of repaving other paths in the district will be considered when the next estimates are under consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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#### PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1912,** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Hanson Powell (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1119	C. N. Moorman	Semi-detached house, Charlton Lane.
1120	Vicar and Churchwardens, All Saints' Church	Additions to All Saints' Mission Room, Whaddon Lane.
1121	E. J. Burrow	Temporary Motor house, Wayside, London Road.
1122	Miss Anderson	Temporary Motor-house and Tool Shed, Langdale, Charlton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1119 be approved, that Plans No. 1120 be approved as a temporary building, subject to usual agreement to remove the same on three months' notice being entered into and that Plans No. 1121 and 1122 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th October, 1912.** Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1121	E. J. Burrow	Motor house, Wayside, London Road (amended plan),
1122	Miss Anderson	Motor house and Toolshed, Langdale, Charlton Lane (amended plan).
1123	Mrs. Overthrow	Alterations to Devonshire House, Devonshire Street.
1124	R. W. Kerr	Extension of Conservatory, Montpellier House, Montpellier Drive
1125	H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd.	New Store Room, Sunningend Works, St. Mark's.
1126	Chas. Webb	Motor Shed, Laureldene, Hewlett Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1121, 1122. 1124 and 1125 be approved, that Plans No. 1123 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans No. 1126 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd October, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Councillors, Blakeney, and Green (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Summer Concerts—The Borough Accountant submitted the following Statement of the Receipts and Ex connection with the Summer Concerts, viz :—

#### EXPENDITURE.

To value of Tip-up Chairs, Working Stock, and Fittings at Commencement	£107 1 6
„ Artistes, Bands, &c. ...	675 8 7
Attendants ...	123 14 9
„ Advertising, Billposting, &c.	113 6 10
„ Printing and Stationery ...	71 17 5
Electric Energy ...	22 13 4
Lanterns, Lamps & Candles	24 8 0
Fittings, Sundry Labour, &c.	42 0 11
Decorating Stage, &c.	2 15 3
Piano Hire, &c.	6 7 6
Manager's Share of Subscriptions ... ..	40 11 10
Health Insurance Contributions	1 7 11
Sundries ... ••	<u>2 12 6</u>
Surplus	£1127 4 10
	<u>£65 13 6</u>
	£1299 19 10

INCOME.

By Takings at Gates, Chairs, &c.	1039 3 1
" 7 Programme Rights...	25 0 0
" Share of Subscriptions...	<u>131 3 9</u>
	£1195 0 10
Borough Surveyor's Valuation of Working Stock and Fittings, Tip up Chairs, &c., on hand ... ..	
	<u>104 18 0</u>
	£1299 19 10

2—Musical Afternoons—The Borough Surveyor submitted a sketch of a notice board for announcing the Concerts, to be placed at the entrance to the Town Hall. Resolved, That a Board be provided and fixed at in estimated cost of £3.

3—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton, on behalf of the Lessees of the Winter Garden, asking permission to fix a Cinematograph Chamber over the doorway of the entrance from the Promenade of similar construction to the Chamber erected by the late Lessee. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the Lessees undertaking to remove the same at the termination of the lease if required by the Corporation, and to make good any damage to the walls, &c.

4—Park Keeper at Pittville Park—Read, a letter from the Chief Constable stating that in view of the opinion expressed by the Secretary of State as to the appointment of additional constables, the Standing Joint Committee were unable to appoint the Park Keeper at Pittville, as an additional Constable.

5—No. 1 and 2 Saxham Villas—Read, a letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling, enquiring whether the Council would purchase Nos. 1 and 2 Saxham Villas for £700 to provide an entrance to Marle Hill Annexe. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

6—Advertising—Resolved, That the fortnightly advertisement in the illustrated Weekly and Homeward Bound Mail Edition of the " Times of India," be renewed for one year at a charge of 5s per insertion, and also the 2 ½ -inch weekly advertisement in the " Times of Ceylon," for one year, at a charge of 2s per insertion.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th October, 1912.**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 7th instant showed 23 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Rev. Hay for a supply to a house in Painswick Road. The cost of the necessary extension would be £25. Applications had also been received for a supply to houses in Langton Grove Road and Libertus Road, the cost of the necessary extensions of mains being £20 and £60, respectively. Resolved, That the extensions be made.

4--Canvasser—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the vacancy caused by resignation of the canvasser last year should now be filled. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to advertise for a canvasser at a salary of 30s per week and commission, and that the Chairman and Councillors Mann and Rees Jones be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and that they be empowered to make the appointment.

5—Typewriter—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the typewriter which had been in use in his office for many years was now worn out and he recommended that a second-hand machine be purchased from Messrs. Steel Ltd., for £12 10s Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase the machine.

6—High Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a series gear should be provided at the High Street Sub-Station similar to the one at Cambray Sub-Station at a cost of about £65. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

7—Wiring Rules—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an addition which he recommended should be made to Rule 114h of the Wiring Rules with reference to the starting device for alternating current motors. Resolved, That the suggested addition be made.

8--Cheltenham (Extension) Electric Lighting Order, 1912—The Town Clerk submitted the Bill of Costs of Messrs. Ellis and Ellis, Parliamentary Agents, with reference to this order. Resolved, That the Bill be taxed by the Taxing Officer of the House of Commons and that the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the Taxation on behalf of the Corporation.

9—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that the Committee met on the 11th instant. (Present : Councillors Mann, Rees Jones, Steel, Wood and himself). After visiting the localities as to the public lighting of which complaints had been made, they recommended as follows : Ambrose Place—That no addition be made to the lighting.

Fairfield Park Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan for additional lighting.

Old Bath Road— Do. do. do.

Hatherley Road and Passage from Parabola Road to Lansdown Terrace—That no alteration or addition be made to the lighting.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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10—Lane near Swan Tap, Albion Street—Read, a letter from the Rev. Fairlie Clarke, asking that a lamp should be placed in the lane leading to St. John's Schools, near the Swan Tap. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th October, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	293,000 gallons	241,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	691,000 “	478,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>44,000</u> “	<u>34,000</u> “
Total	1,028,000 “	753,000 “

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	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 1912		20 <sup>th</sup> October, 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		24,102,000 gallons		7,414,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 8in.	87,937,000 “	9 ft. 3in.	11,921,000 “
Leckhampton	8ft. 6in.	<u>1,148,000</u> “	2 ft. 5in.	<u>285,000</u> “
		113,187,000 “		19,620,000 “

Pumping had commenced at Sandford, on the 8th instant.

2—Tewkesbury Works—Lathe—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. Resolved, That a Lathe be purchased for use at the Tewkesbury Works, at a cost of £30.

Extraordinary Traffic—Read, a letter from the County Surveyor of Worcester, with regard to alleged damaged to the County Main Road, between the Holly Bush Quarry and the Tewkesbury Works by



the Traction Engine Traffic during the construction of the new works at Tewkesbury. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer to deal with.

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3—Mineral Water Outfits—Resolved, That an agreement be entered into with Sodastream, for supply of water for Mineral Water Outfits installed by the Company at various premises in the Borough at a charge of 5s a year each premises supplied.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd October, 1912**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Merrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Diseases amongst Animals.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 11th inst., the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at No. 50 Brunswick Street. Damage about £2. Brigade expenses, £2 6s. 6d. Building but not contents insured.

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Claude Greville Bullingham, of 236 High for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Cheltenham Races—Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways Co., for special licences for 2 motor omnibuses to ply for hire on the 24th and 25th instant on the occasion of the Cheltenham Races. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider it necessary to grant any additional licences.

5—Education Committee—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Ladies' College, stating that the College Council recommended Miss M. G. Jones and Miss E. C. Chevallier from whom a selection should be made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Smith. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Miss Jones.

6—Shops Act, 1912—Tobacconists Shops—Read, a Memorial from the proprietors of 164 Tobacconists Shops, asking that an Order should be made for all Tobacconists' Shops to be closed at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday. Resolved, consideration of the Memorial be adjourned to the next Meeting.

7—Minutes of Committees—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Ratepayers' Association, asking that the Association may be supplied each month with a copy of the Minutes of the Committees of the Council. Resolved, That a copy of the Minutes be supplied to the Association after they have been considered by the Council.

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8—Winter Garden—Cinematograph Licence—Resolved, That the Licence granted to Mr. C. G. Smith to use the Winter Gardens for Cinematograph Exhibitions be transferred to Mr. L. Schlenheim.

Resolved also, That permission be given to provide an iron chamber on a platform to be fixed over the doorway at the entrance from the Promenade, subject to a chamber of similar material and construction to that erected by the late Lessees being erected if it is required to use the chamber for more than one month.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th October, 1912.** Present—Alderman Haddon, and Norman, Councillor Green and Steel and Dr. E. T. Wilson. (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1640 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since September 11th.

The Autumn Exhibition of Paintings by Modern Artists, comprising 108 pictures, was opened on September 30th and 108 Catalogues had been sold.

One picture had been sold.

Alderman J. B. Winterbotham, J.P. had lent for exhibition the following pictures : Early Snow, Westmorland, by Harrison Compton and The Dipper's Home by Hugh V. Charlton, both of which were exhibited in the Royal Academy of this year.

He had also consented to lend a bust of himself. The work was executed by John E. Hyett, of Cheltenham, and exhibited by him in the Royal Academy in 1911. Resolved, that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Winterbotham.

2.—Collection of Flints—The Curator reported that Mrs. Witts had presented to the Museum a Collection of Flints belonging to her late husband, and also his manuscript books relating to his Archaeological Handbook. Resolved, that Dr. Wilson be asked to convey to Mrs. Witts the thanks of the Committee for these gifts.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

**MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th October, 1912.** Present—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Blakeney, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths. The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 30th September, 1912, were as follows :—

Receipts	£369 4 10	Expenses ... ..	£311 17 10
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion)	<u>264 10 0</u>
	££369 4 10		£576 7 10

Electric Wiring—The Borough Surveyor reported that the wiring at the Montpellier Baths was defective and required renewal at an estimated cost of £40. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

Outside Painting—Resolved, That the outside painting of the Baths be deferred until next year.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 30th September, 1912, were as follows :—

Receipts	£326 2 0	Expenses ... .	£209 19 4
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ...	<u>167 10 0</u>
	£326 2 0		£377 9 4

Resolved, That the Common seal be fixed to an Agreement with Mr. William Ride, granting a right of way to the Baths over his land adjoining the Baths, subject to the Corporation keeping the approach in repair.

3—Use of Montpellier Baths for Meetings, &c.—Mrs. Boite, of 2 Oriel Terrace, and Sir. Hampton Gardner, of Eton House, Wellington Street, attended the Meeting and complained of the noise occasioned by the dancing and music at the Montpellier Baths and asked that the same might be discontinued. A letter from Mr. Edwin Greene was also read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the dancing to stop at 11 o'clock each night.

5—Mineral waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during September last was 994 as compared with 1518 for the month of September, 1911. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold during September last was 132 as compared with 156 for the corresponding month of last year.

6—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, applications from the Secretaries of the Baker Street Institute and St. Philip's Old Boys (Wednesday) Association Football Club for permission to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th October, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Haddon in the chair) .

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Headstones to graves of Mary Duncan, Thomas, Annie, Florence, Ethel and Lancelot Hailing, and John and Mary Garnick. Memorial Crosses to graves of David Russell Crawford and John Walter Bray. Kerbing to grave of Richard Cossum Smith.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1912**—Present: Councillors Earengy, Mann and Merrett, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, A Miles, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers, (Councillor Earengy in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £3 8s. 11d.  
Presentations—The Secretary London University (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 1476, an increase of 36, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Department was 9362, an increase of 264 as compared with last year.

2—**Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst. Present—Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended :

(1) That the following Newspapers and Periodicals be accepted for use in the News Room :—The Universe (weekly), offered by Miss Howarth.

St: James' Parish Magazine (monthly) offered by the Rev. H. C. Knox.

Our Animal Brothers (monthly) offered by Miss E. Carrington.

The London Tailor (monthly) offered by Mr. T. H. Holding for six months on payment of postage, with opportunity of renewing for further six months.

(2) That the Talking Machine News offered by the publishers on payment of postage be not accepted.

(3) That the Daily Citizen be taken instead of the Daily Herald proposed by Mr. G. Bradfield.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

W. G. EARENGEY, Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th October, 1912.** Present: Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Stroud, Wilkins and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 29th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £698 18s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £23776 4s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March was read. Amount collected £368 11s. 4d,

3—District Auditor's Report—Read, the Report of the District Auditor upon his examination of the Accounts for year ended the 31st March, 1912.

4—Contributions to Local Charities—Read, a letter from the Hon. Treasurer of the Ladies' Association for the Care of Friendless Girls making application for a contribution equal to the amount of the General District Rate paid by that Institution. Resolved, That a Subscription of £3 15s be made to the Association under the powers conferred on the Council by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905.

5—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provision of the Acts for the Parliamentary Registration of Voters for the year, 1912-13, amounting to £87 13s. 3d. Resolved, That the said sum be certified under the Common Seal to be payable by the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings, as follows :  
Cheltenham, £75 10s. 7d.: Charlton Kings, £12 3s. 2d.

6—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 1st October last	£14,039 3 5
Received since that date	<u>£ 8,979 16 2</u>
	23,018 19 7
Paid since that date	<u>15,125 6 4</u>
	In Hand £7,893 13 3

being General Accounts	£1,453 6 5
Sinking Fund Accounts	£5,999 11 10
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	£ <u>440 15 0</u>
	£7,893 13 3

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town. Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on. Saturday, the 9th November, 1912, at 3 p.m. Present :**

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the following gentlemen as Councillors, viz :

Percy Haddock for the North Ward.  
 Robert Steel for the Central Ward.  
 William Sawyer for the East Ward.  
 Edwin Charles Silk for the South Ward.  
 Alfred Mann for the Middle Ward.  
 James Stewart for the West Ward.

and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Election of Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That James Tynte Agg-Gardner, Esq., M.P., be and he is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year.

The newly-elected Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath.

The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

3—Election of Aldermen—The members of the Council present entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following burgesses had been voted for and had received the number of votes set opposite their names, viz

Charles Henry Margrett, Sandford House, Cheltenham, Esquire 17

George Norman, 4 Priory Parade, Cheltenham, Esquire.... •••• 17

Richard Rogers, Ainstable, Rodney Road, Cheltenham, Colonel (retired) .... 17

The Mayor accordingly declared the said Charles Henry Margrett, George Norman and Richard Rogers to be elected Aldermen to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. John Haddon, George Norman and Richard Rogers.

The newly elected Aldermen then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

4—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman John Waghorne to be his Deputy and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

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5—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved unanimously, That the warmest thanks of this Council be given to Charles Henry Margrett, Esquire, for the impartial and assiduous manner in which he has discharged the duties of Mayor during the past three years and for the generous hospitality with which he and the Mayoress have fulfilled the social duties appertaining to the Mayoralty.

6—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several wards opposite which their names are respectively set :—

Alderman Waghorne	North Ward.
Skillicorne	Central Ward.
Winterbotham	East Ward.
Norman	South Ward.
Rogers	Middle Ward.
Margrett...	West Ward.

7—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th October last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

8—Appointment and Duties of Committees-Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Margrett and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the public health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders : Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing Acts, 1890 to 1909, and The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the Powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely i-23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

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To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, and that Standing Order No. 20 be suspended for the purpose of this resolution.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.



To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., and any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department, and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings :---The Public Health Acts, The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), Part II. Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

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Town Improvement Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement Committee :—Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Sawyer, Rees Jones and Steel, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and Winter Garden, and of any building in connection with such properties, and to enforce the provisions of the byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To manage and control any entertainments decided upon by the Council, and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a band.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder.

Water Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Margrett, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Merrett and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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General Purposes and Watch Committee—

Resolved, That the powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Town Hall and any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee

under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and with reference to matters of the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate), and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture in relation thereto. To regulate and manage the allotments of the Corporation under the Allotments Act. To consider and report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and renaming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Blakeney, Haddock, Merrett, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Alstone and Montpellier Baths, and any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees).

Burial Board Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

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Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel, Wilkins and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, Collection of Rates, and raising of loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Col. Rogers, Councillors Eareney, Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer, Steel and Wilkins, together with Dr. Davies, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, W. Cresswell, E. Gridley, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud, and that their duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel with Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud, and Dr. E. T. Wilson as Consulting Members, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

9—Vacancies on Education Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Margrett, Norman, Rogers and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Earengy, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood.

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10—Local Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, that their term of office as members of such Committee expire on the 9th November 1913, eight be a quorum of the Committee.

11—Vacancies on Distress Committee—Resolved, That Councillors and Stewart be appointed members of the Distress Committee.

12—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Silk be appointed a member of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee.

13—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st October and 1st November instant be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That the resolution to Minute No. 18 be approved with the omission of the word " favourable " therefrom.

14—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Margrett, Stewart and Winterbotham be appointed Representatives of the Council on the Management Committee of the Delancey Hospital for the ensuing year.

15—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th October last, be approved and confirmed.

16—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed.

17—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved. That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th October last, be approved and confirmed.

18—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 4th October last, be approved and continued.

19—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd October last, be approved and confirmed, and that Miss M. G. Jones be appointed a Member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Smith.

20—Cleeve Common Conservancy Board—Resolved, That Aldermen Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham be nominated as Representatives of the Council on the Cleeve Common Conservancy Board for three years from the date on which their previous term of office expired.

21—Art Gallery and Museum Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

22—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved. That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.

23—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th October last, be approved and confirmed.

24—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.

25—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th October last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

26—Memorials, Applications, &c.—Resolved, That the following be referred to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, viz :—

Letter from Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., re Grant of a further £500 for the Museum and Art Gallery from the Leslie Young Bequest.

Memorial from A. H. Whitcombe and others re Cleaning, &c., of Pictures by the Curator of Art Gallery.

## Borough of Cheltenham

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd December, 1912.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th November, 1912**—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson-Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : 10 & 13 Hill View Terrace, 17, 35 & 60 Duke Street, 24 & 28 Hanover Street, and 11 Alstone Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 30, Sidney Street, 6 and 8, Brunswick Terrace, 35, Duke Street, 2, Long's Cottages, Rutland Street, and 15 and 49, Rutland Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc. at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Selby Cottages, Swindon Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the Drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property—14 King Street Gardens, 16 and 17, Clare Place, 2 and 4 Collum End Cottages, 30 Sidney Street, 5 Bayshill Parade, 29 Rutland Street, and 3 York Place, Swindon Road.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be

served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--Two Cottages at Arle (formerly known as the Old School House). — With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to Mrs. Welch, Hui owner of the Cottages. Read, a letter from Mrs. Welch agreeing to a Closing Order being made. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned dwelling houses are in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have be rendered fit, for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order he given to the owner.

4, 5 and 6 Hereford Passage—Demolition Order —Tho Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the owner of 4, 5 and 6 Hereford Passage of the intention of the Council to take into consideration the question of making an Order for the demolition of the premises. Two of the cottages had since been pulled down and the owner was altering the remaining cottage to meet the requirements of the Sanitary Inspector, so that it would not be necessary to make a demolition order.

7—House without Proper Water Supply—8 St. George's Street.—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act. Resolved. That Notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. L. J. Evans and Mr. A. J. Lloyd, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk in respect of the College Dairy, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

Read, an application from Mr. F. G. Hulbert, of 290 High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the Medical Officer of Health considers the premises unsuitable for the sale of milk.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 22nd ulto., the carcass and offal of a pork pig, on the 23rd ulto., the carcass and offal of two heifers, and on the 7th instant, the carcass and offal of a pork pig. (Total weight destroyed 1820 lbs.)

10—Common Lodging Houses—Read, applications from Mr. F. T. Agass, of 20 and 21 Stanhope Street, and Cottage at rear, and Mrs. Jackson, of Rowton House, for renewal of their registration as keepers of Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the registration be renewed for one year from the 9th instant.

11—Lavatory Accommodation—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, calling attention to the need of Lavatory Accommodation in the Pittville and Leckhampton Districts.

12—Sewers in Fairview District—The Borough Engineer submitted a report on the condition of the sewers in the Fairview District (a print of the report accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £5164 for resewering the Fairview District.

13—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, That the Chairman, and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to go through the applications for the appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, and select five candidates for interview by this Committee.

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14- **Farms Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Green, Roes Jones, Steel and Wood be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

15--**Plans Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Hanson Powell, Steel and Stewart be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKILLICOIRNE, Chairman

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th November, 1912**—Present : Aldermen Margrett and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Rees Jones, Steel, Winterbotham and Wood (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-141 and 353 High Street, 7, 8, 28 and 31 Bloomsbury Street, 28 Rutland Street, 13 Grove Street, 1 and 2 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, and 3 and 4 Millbrook Terrace, Gloucester Road. -- -Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Cleansing and Limewashing at 1 and 2 Glen Cottages, 2 Durbin Cottages, Craven Cottage and Marsh Cottage, Folly Lane, 3, 4 and 7 Millbrook Terrace, Gloucester Road, 53 Worcester Street, 14 Grove Street, and 9 Burton Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

18—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 Sherborne Place, 26 Selkirk Street, and 14, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Lansdown Parade.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41

of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

19—Insanitary Property-1 and 2 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, Marsh Cottage, Folly Lane, 55 Worcester Street, 28 Rutland Street, 14 and 16 Grove Street, 7 and 31 Bloomsbury Street, 9 Burton Street. 5 Orchard Place, Swindon Road and 2 Queen's Retreat.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

20—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-2 and 3 Attewell's Court, 1 and 2, York Place, Swindon Road, 1 and 2 Eaton Cottages, Bath Road.—Demolition Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no steps had been taken to render these premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made by the Council fit for human habitation and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners of the premises of the intention to consider on the 12th January next, the question of making an Order for the demolition of the premises.

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21—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an-application from Mrs. Ledicotte, of All Saints' Dairy, Fairview Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

22—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 12th instant, the carcase and offal of a heifer and on the 16th instant, 6 pieces of beef were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food (Total weight destroyed, 759 lbs.)

23—Sewage Disposal Works—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft Contract with Messrs. A. Hill & Co., and their Sureties. The Contractors required 18 months for completion of the work also an allowance of 5 per cent. on the net sum (after deducting any trade or cash discount) paid to Manufacturers for prime cost items, but they had made certain reductions in various items in their schedule of prices for day work and materials. Resolved, That the draft Contract be approved as settled.

24—Extraordinary Traffic, Hayden Lane—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that his Council were willing to extend the present arrangement for the maintenance of Hayden Lane by the Corporation for one year from the 1st May, 1913, to cover the completion of the Sewage Disposal Works. Resolved, That the arrangement be continued accordingly.



25—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 18th inst. (Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair.)

Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Wood be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Meeting 27 head of cattle had been purchased for £368, and 45 sheep for £84. (Total purchases, £452). 7 calves had been bred on the Farms. 69 head of cattle (including 10 calves) had been sold for £1049 7s. 8d., 45 sheep for £86 18s. 9d., 1 cart colt for £19 19s. 0d., 8 pigs for £19 0s. 8d., and 1 sheep skin for 4s (Total sales, £1175 16. 1d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 19 horses (not including 6 at Depot), 77 head of cattle, 150 sheep and 3 pigs, all doing well. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th November, 1912.** Present : Aldermen Margrett and Skillicorne, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

26—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The following Candidates selected by the Sub-Committee for interview attended this Meeting, via :—James Ainsworth (25 years), Hon. Assistant Inspector, Denton Urban District Council ; G. Ellison (26 years), Assistant Inspector, Walsall ; John Goodhall (25 years), Warehouse Keeper, St. Helens C. E. Holifield (28i years), Assistant Inspector, Bilston Urban District Council ; M. V. Sutcliffe (25 years), District Inspector, Huddersfield.

Resolved, That Mr. C. E. Holifield be appointed on the terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement inviting applications, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1912.** Present: Alderman Margrett, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett, Stewart, and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—**Plans Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Benda", and Wilkins be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee.

3—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bendall, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4---**Trees Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Mann and Stewart be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year. Resolved, that a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on the 27th inst. at 2.30 p.m.

5—Street Projections—Read applications from Messrs. Drake & Co., for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 47 Bath Road, and G. O. Middleton to place a lamp outside No. 329a High Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

6—Advertisement Hoarding, Ambrose Street--Read a letter from the Local Government Board asking for the observations of the Town Council on a Memorial forwarded to the Board, signed by 143 owners and occupiers in the neighbour-hood of Ambrose Street complaining of the advertisement hoarding erected on the strip of land adjoining No. 1 St. George's Square. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply. Resolved that the same be approved.

7--Dangerous Building Fauconberg Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of Fauconberg Lodge had not complied with the notice, requiring her to have the premises repaired and made secure and it was necessary to take steps to have the premises put in a safe condition to avoid danger to passengers. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 75 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847, and that proceedings be taken under the Section, if necessary, to have the premises repaired and made secure.

JOHN D. BENDALL Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th November, 1912.** Present :--Alderman Margrett, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th October to the 21st November, 1912 (both dates inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Alstone Lane (1610 square yards), Arle Road (100 square yards), Gloucester Road (proceeding), Loudon Road South side, including new foundation, (2385 square yards). Roads patched—Church Road, Leckhampton, Hall Road, High Street, Leamington Place (rear of), London Road, Malthouse Lane, North Place, St. George's Place, St. James' Place, St. James' Square, St. James' Street, Warwick Place.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Lansdown Terrace (rear of), Montpellier Terrace, Northwick Terrace, Pittville Circus, Royal Well Place, St. George's Street and Suffolk Road. New Slab Paving laid—Alstone Lane (33 square yards). Slab Paving repaired—Burton Street, College Road, Exmouth Street, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Road, Lansdown Place, Leckhampton Road, Rosehill Street, Royal Well Place and Sydenham Villas Road.

Asphalt Paving repaired—Leckhampton Road and Passage from Pittville Circus Road to Prestbury Road.

New Kerbing fixed—Alstone Lane (20 lineal yards). New Channelling laid—Alstone Lane (18 lineal yards). Channelling repaired—London Road and Sandford Road, Private Improvement Works--Arle Road (completed) and Swindon Place (proceeding). Cabstand Paving repaired—High Street, by Belle Vue Hotel. New Gateway Crossings-5.

Street Crossings renewed-1. Trees pruned—Eldorado Crescent, Eldorado Road, Gloucester Road and Selkirk Street. Trees felled by Committee's Orders—Greville Terrace (10 limes, 1 chestnut, 2 sycamores), Pittville Chalet, road in front of (2 elms, dead), Pittville Lawn (1 elm, dead), Selkirk Street (1 elm), Wellington Road (1 birch). Hedge removed—Tudor Lodge Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 14th November, 1912—882 loads collected, 856 consumed and 26 tipped away. Weight consumed-1056 tons, 12 cwts., 2 qrs. Steam generated—Hourly average 7,710 lbs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 14th November, 1912, 2536 lineal feet of blocks made for sewage filters.

9—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Monday last—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett and Wilkins.

10--**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Street Projections—Read, an application from H. E. Steel, Ltd., for permission to place 2 lamps outside Nos. 75 and 76 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

12—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Lane West rear of Great Norwood Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in the Lane at the West rear of Great Norwood Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost, including supervision of £69 10s, and in compliance with the instructions of the Committee he submitted an apportionment in accordance with the degree of benefit to be derived from the Works. Resolved, That regard be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived from the Works, that the apportionment as now settled upon this basis be approved, and that Notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the adjoining owners of premises mentioned therein.

13—Milsom Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Milsom Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost including supervision of £85 0s. 7d., and this sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notice of the same and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

14—Footpath opposite Brandon Terrace—Resolved, That provision be made in next year's Estimates for Kerbing, Channelling, and Paving the footpath opposite Brandon Terrace, from Great Norwood Street to Grafton Road.

15—Hatherley Road—A complaint was received from Mr. C. C. Young, of Godfrey House, Hatherley Road, of the condition of the road and footpath near his house. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs to the roadway carried out and that the Committee inspect the footpath at their next View Meeting.

16—Telegraphic Lines—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to erect an overhead telegraphic line along the lane at the rear of Hatherley Road, between Hatherley Road and Hatherley Nursery, and also along the lane at the rear of Leckhampton Road, between Croft Street and the existing overhead line. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

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17—Pillar Letter Box—Read, an application from the Postmaster, for permission to erect a Pillar Letter Box at the junction of Swindon Road and St. Paul's Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

18--Corporation Contracts--Read, a letter from the Secretary, Builders' Merchants Alliance Ltd., enclosing copies of Strike, Arbitration, &c. Clauses which had been approved by the Council of the Alliance and asking that the same may be included in the tender forms issued by the Corporation.

19—Contract for Castings—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to failure by the Contractors to supply the castings ordered, he had to obtain a quantity of gullies and stopcock boxes elsewhere at an increased cost, and that he had given notice to the Contractors that they would be required to repay to the Corporation the difference between their tender price and the increased price paid. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 15th November, 1912.** Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1126	C. Webb	Motor Shed at Laureldene, Hewlett Road (amended plans).
1127	Winterbotham, Gurney & Co.	New Carriage Shed, Plough Hotel Yard.
1128	Rev. P. M. C. Johnston	Additions to All Saints' Vicarage.
1129	W. J. H. Pilley	2 Semi-detached Villas, Hewlett Road.
1130	Mrs. E. Cresswell	Conversion of Stable into Dwelling-house, Moorend Park Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1127 and 1129 be approved, that Plans No. 1130 be approved subject (1) to the whole of the paving and drains inside the building being taken up, and any soil which has become impregnated with offensive matter being removed before concrete is put over the site ; (2) to a proper damp course being provided ; and (3) to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 1126 and 1128 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th November, 1912.** Present :  
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

3—New Buildings. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new Buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1126	C. Webb	Temporary Coachhouse, Laureldene, Hewlett Road (amended plans).
1128	Rev. F. M. C. Johnstone	Additions to All Saints' Vicarage (amended plans).
1131	Rickerby & Co.	Motorhouse at rear of 16 Royal Crescent.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1126 be approved subject to the building not being used as a Motorhouse, and to the usual agreement to remove the same on three months' notice being entered into, that Plans No. 1128 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 1131 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th November, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer and Steel.

1--Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th November, 1912.** Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

2—Summer Concerts—Read, letters from Messrs. A. W. Newton, C. Gillsmith, and E. D. Williams, applying for the Managership of the Concerts. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to a Special Meeting.

Copyright Music—Read, a letter from Mr. L. J. Gunnell, on behalf of the Society of Authors, &c. of French Copyright Music, offering to accept a fee of 5s, for the right to use French copyright music at the Musical Afternoons and Summer Concerts. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that an agreement be entered into accordingly.

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3-Pittville Estate—Trees near Clarefield—An application was received from Mrs. Haddon, asking that two trees near Clarefield, which were in a dangerous condition should be removed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Trees near " Aubervie " and " Saxham " —Read, letters from Col. V. Graham and Mr. Lees, asking for the removal of trees near Aubervie and Saxham. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the trees at their next View Meeting.

4—Winter Garden—Assignment of Lease—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., applying on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Schlentheim, the Lessees of the Winter Garden, for a Licence to assign the Lease to the Roy Cinema de Luxe Co., Ltd., of 17-19 Windmill Street, Picadilly Circus, London, W. The Town Clerk submitted draft Licence. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

Motor —Resolved, That the Lessees be allowed to use the motor at the Winter Garden subject to a payment of £5 per annum, such payment not to include cost of the up keep and repair of the Motor.

Inventory of Fittings, &c.—Read, a letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, forwarding on behalf of the Lessees, particulars of the state of repair of the Winter Garden at the commencement of their tenancy, and also an Inventory of the Fittings, Fixtures, &c., belonging to the Corporation, The

Borough Surveyor reported that he had been through the statement and considered the same to be a fair statement as to the condition of the building. Resolved, That the same be accepted by the Corporation.

5—Visitors Information Bureau—Resolved, That Councillor Steel be appointed a representative of this Committee on the Visitors Information Bureau in place of Councillor Stewart who is not now a member of this Committee.

6—Advertising—Resolved, That the two line advertisement as to Free Guide to Cheltenham and two lines descriptive of Cheltenham in the " Continental Daily Mail " be renewed for one year at a cost of (365 insertions). A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce (Messrs. J. H. Boulter, T. E. Rickerby, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread) and the President of the Visitors Information Bureau (Mr. J. T. Ireland) attended the Committee and submitted a Scheme for advertising Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to confer with the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and to consider and report on any suggestions made for improving or enlarging the present Scheme of the Corporation.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 1912.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Winterbotham, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

7—Summer Concerts—The applications from Mr. E. D. Williams, Gillsmiths Ltd., and Mr. A. W. Newton to manage the Concerts on sharing terms were further considered. An alternative offer was made by Gillsmiths Ltd. to pay a rent of £250 for three years for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for the season, May to September (together with the use of the Marle Hill Annexe on Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday) for providing entertainments during the summer ; the entertainments provided to be wider the supervision of the Town Improvement Committee, and subject to their approval ; the subscribers to Montpellier Gardens to have the same privileges as hitherto ; the lessees to be entitled to the share of subscriptions which has been credited to the Concert Account ; the charges for admission to the entertainments to be the same as previously made for the Corporation entertainments ; the chairs and other effects used by the lessees to be valued and any depreciation to be paid to the Corporation at the end of the season.

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An offer was also received from Mr. A. W. Newton to take the Gardens on the same terms, or as an alternative to pay the Corporation 20 per cent. of the gross receipts in lieu of a fixed rent of £250.

The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement embodying the terms offered and clauses for the protection of the Corporation. Resolved, That the foregoing offer of Mr. Newton to pay £250 for three years be accepted subject to his entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk and also providing at his own expense a guarantee bond for payment of the rent.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th November, 1912**—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. 2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas for illuminating power on the 13th instant, with the following result, 15 candles. His test for purity on the 11th instant showed 25 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3—Requisition for Materials Required. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

4—Canvasser--The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the applications sent in for the appointment of a Canvasser and to make a selection reported that they had appointed Mr. Jackson, of Salford, who had held a similar position under the Salford Corporation.

5—Electricity Accounts, 1911-12—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the amount standing to the Revenue Account, on the 31st March last, after payment of the financial charges and instalment in respect of the Deficit Loan, was £1464 6s. 7d. Resolved, That £403 be transferred to the Reserve Fund, £600 to the Renewals Fund and that the balance of £164 6s. 7d. be carried forward.

6—Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant presented a Report with reference to the Sinking Funds, &c., payable in respect of the Undertaking.

7—Lighting of Old Bath Road and Fairfield Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for additional lighting of these roads. Resolved, That an additional lamp be placed in Old Bath Road, opposite "Dawstone," and also a lamp in Fairfield Park Road at the side of No. 12 Fairfield Walk.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st November, 1912**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

8—Modern Home Exhibition—The Committee met at the Winter Garden, and inspected the Electrical Exhibition. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase electrical fittings, domestic appliances, &c., to the value of £35 for exhibition in the Show Room.



9—Cable--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present Contract for the supply of Cable had now expired, and in view of the condition of the metal market he recommended that Tenders should be invited for a further period of two years, on a basis price for the cable with a sliding scale for variation in the price of copper and lead. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th November, 1912—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

10—Cable—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the tenders (6) received for the supply of cable for a period of two years. Resolved, That the tender of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd., of Prescot, as set out in their Schedule of Prices (being the lowest) be accepted.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Merrett and Wood.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st November, 1912.**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Green, Merrett and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 1912.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	704,000 gallons	434,000 gallons,
Dowdeswell Springs	1,012,000 “	986,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>157,000</u> “	<u>81,000</u> “
Total	1,873,000 “	1,501,000 “

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	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov., 1912		20 <sup>th</sup> October, 1911	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		25,228,000 gallons		4,382,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 8in.	98,067,000 "	6 ft. 0in.	5,901,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	<u>1,216,000</u> "	3 ft. 0in.	<u>405,000</u> "
		124,511,000 "		10,688,000 "

3—Tewkesbury Works—New Fillers—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the new works at Tewkesbury, on Tuesday, the 3rd proximo, leaving the Municipal Offices, at 2.30 p.m.

4—Land at Sandford—The Borough Engineer recommended that a further length of 80 yards of fencing opposite the Sandford Pumping Station should be renewed. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th November, 1912**—Present: Aldermen Margrett, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bake Bendall, Haddock and Merrett (Alderman Norman in the chair.)

1—Chairman -Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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2—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Diseases amongst Animals.

3—Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle Act) 1887—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries had granted an Order providing that for a further period of 3 years, from the 15th inst., the provision of the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle Act, 1887, Section 4 of which requires the provision in the market place of apparatus for the weighing of cattle, should not apply to the Cheltenham Market.

4—Appointment of **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Rogers, and Councillors Baker and Merrett be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire during the past month.

6—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Joseph Cartwright Bents, of No. 34 Clarence Square, for a Licence to drive a Hackney Carriage. Resolved, That a Licence be granted.

7—Taxi-Cab Licences--Resolved, That The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, and Councillor Haddock be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the Cabs, for which Licences have been authorised by the Council, and that they be empowered to grant the necessary Taxi Cab Drivers' Licences.

8—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Aldermen Waghorne and Winterbotham, and Dr. E. T. Wilson be appointed Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School for three years from the 6th proximo, on which date their present term of office expires.

9—Shops Act, 1912—Tobacconists Shops—Read, a memorial from the proprietors of 164 shops, where the business of a Tobacconist is carried on, asking that an Order should be made for all Tobacconists Shops to be closed at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday in each week. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making a Closing Order, a register of shops be prepared, and that notice be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of the Home Office.

10—Clerk in Town Clerk's Department--Read, an application from Mr. M. C. Taylor, Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £65 to £70 per annum.

11—Committee Fixtures for 1913—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1913 be fixed as follows (except that any meetings that may fall upon a public holiday shall be held upon such other days and consequent alterations be made in other meetings as may be convenient), viz :—

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.

1st Week.

Tuesday	Public Library	4.15 p.m.
Thursday	Electricity and Lighting	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds	4.0 p.m.

2nd week.

Monday	Public Health (Second Meeting)	3.0 p.m.
Tuesday	General Purposes and Watch	3.30 p.m.
Wednesday	Town Improvement	11.0 a.m.
Thursday	Water	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Burial Board	11.30 a.m.
	Plans Sub-Committee (at Depot)	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway (View)	3.0 p.m.
	(meet at Central Depot)	

3rd Week.

Monday	Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday	Finance	3.30 p.m.

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WEEK FOLLOWING WEEK OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Monday	Farms Sub-Committee	2.45 p.m.
	Public Health	3.15 p.m.
Tuesday	Plans Sub-Committee	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway	3.0 p.m.
Wednesday	Art Gallery and Museum	12.0 noon

12—Salary of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer—The Resolution referring the application Surveyor and Water Engineer for an increase of salary, to this Committee, was considered. Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett, Norman and Skillicorne, and Councillors Baker, Bendall and Merrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the organisation and staffing of the Department of the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer, and report to this Committee.

13—Licence for Storage of Carbide of Calcium—Read, an application from H. E. Steel, Ltd., for a Licence to store 400 lbs. of Carbide instead of 200 lbs. as at present. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

14—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from the Committee of the Leckhampton Reading Room, calling attention to the defective condition of the fire grate, &c. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide a new grate, &c., at a cost of about £3.  
of the Borough

15—Committee Room, &c.—Resolved, That an electric radiator be placed in the Committee Room and also in the Mayor's Parlour.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

**ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1912** Present—Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel, Dr. E. T. Wilson, Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1295 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 16th ultimo.

Over 400 Catalogues of the Exhibition had been sold.

Mr. C. A. Probert had presented a number of pressed flowers of Gloucestershire and seaweeds from Tenby, collected in 1853.

Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell had presented a Paleolithic Flint from Suffolk.

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The Collection of Economic Specimens recently presented by Mr. Robertson, of Painswick was being arranged in cases for the Museum.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

3—Leslie Young Benefactions 'Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney Co., stating that the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. Leslie Young, had made a further allocation of £500 to the Municipal Art Gallery and Museum. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Trustees, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Deed of Trust containing the same conditions as were made in respect of the previous grant.

4—Cleaning and Restoring Pictures—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Whitcombe and others, making complaint against the Curator, and alleging that he was trading in pictures or works of art, and using the Art Gallery premises for cleaning and restoring pictures. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Memorialists to supply for the information of the Committee a full statement in writing of the grounds of their complaint.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th November, 1912.** Present—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Blakeney, Haddock, Merrett, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor haddock in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2—**Mineral Waters Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Blakeney, Haddock, Merrett, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year.

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Haddock and Merrett.  
 Alstone Baths—Councillors Baker and Stewart.  
 Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Blakeney and Baker.  
 Naunton Park—Councillors Bendall and Silk.  
 Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Merrett and Sawyer.  
 Grove Street Ground.—Councillor Haddock.

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4—Montpellier Baths.—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st October, were as follows :—

Receipts	£377 3 11	Expenses ...	£390 13 3
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>£308 11 8</u>
	£377 3 11		£699 4 11

Lounge—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the lounge re-decorated as provided in the Estimates.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st October, were as follows :—

Receipts	£333 10 4	Expenses ... ..	£277 12 8
		Interest & Redemption (Proportion) ..	<u>£195 8 4</u>
	£333 10 4		£473 1 0

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Contractors had completed the floor over the Swimming Bath. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the Baths on the 29th inst., at 4 p.m.

5—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during October last was 868 as compared with 988 for the month of October last year. The number of bottles of Aperient Water sold during October was 336 as compared with 239 for the corresponding month last year.

P. HADDOCK, Chairman.

#### BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th November, 1912**—Present: Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Steel, Silk, Stewart and Winterbotham.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd November, 1912**—Present : Councillors Baker, Mann, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel, Stewart and Winterbotham (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—Trees Overhanging Grave—Read, a letter from Lt.-Col. Berkeley Calcott, asking for the removal of two trees which overhang his wife's grave. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the trees at their next View Meeting.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones and .Kerbing to graves of Sarah Ann Phippen and Charles Henry Hobbs. Headstone to grave of Sarah Jones.

JAS. STEWART, Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1912**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, W. Cresswell, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1--Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Rogers), Councillors Green and Merrett, Dr. Davies, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3-Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £3 18s. Od.  
Presentations—Lady Leo (1 vol.), University Correspondence College (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the four weeks ended the 9th November inst. (22 days) was 1499, as compared with 2074 for the corresponding month of last year (27 ½ days). The issues from the Lending Department numbered 9782, as compared with 12,234 last year.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th November, 1912**—Present: Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Wilkins and Winterbotham.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th November, 1912.** Present: Aldermen Waghorne and Skillicorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Winterbotham (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 26th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £4582 1s. 10d. Leaving outstanding, £19893 0s. 10d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th March next was read. Amount collected £2613 7s. 0d, Leaving outstanding, £9815 19s. 2d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £5000, £1000 and £100, on loan at 3 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> per cent. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued as follows : £5000 on account of Sewage Disposal Loan, £1000 on account of Electric Lighting Loan and £1000 on account of Waterworks Loan.

5—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £367 7s. 10d. of Cheltenham Corporation Stock at 79 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £367 7s. 10d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished and that the National Provincial Bank of England Ltd., the Registrars of the said Stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of the Order and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

6—Junior Clerk, Borough Accountant's Department—An application was received from Mr. H. Pike, Junior Clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from 7s to 10s per week.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 29th October last	£7,893 13 3
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £6,100)	<u>16,582 6 5</u>



		£24,475 19 8
Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds invested, £6,693)		£15,821 10 0
		In Hand £8,654 9 8
being General Accounts	£7,490 16 3	
Sinking Fund Accounts	£ 724 3 5	
" Leslie Young Benefaction " Accounts	<u>£ 439 10 0</u>	
	£8,654 9 8	

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.